

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON 63 Huntington Street, New London, CT 06320 Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting March 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President D. Roth at 4:10 p.m.

Present: G. Angell, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, D. Hersant, A.Kinsall, D. Roth, Director S. Maryeski

Excused: L. Braxton, H. Kydd III, V. Mueller

Absent: E. Garcia Gonzalez, W. Hannaford

Minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting were approved.

Director's Report—see her written report.

It was voted that, starting March 27, 2017, all employees currently getting less than \$12 per hour would receive a \$.40 per hour increase and that the minimum starting rate per hour would be \$10.50.

It was also voted that two part time library assistants , who have been assuming increased duties and responsibilities , be given raises of \$1.05 per hour, effective March 27, 2017.

Children from the Drop-in Learning Center have created somewhat of a disruptive problem, probably not having enough room in the current space they are using to vent their energy, so after the end of the school year their use of the assigned room will be terminated. They will not return next year.

Application is being made for a Pfizer grant of \$5,000 for the purchase of more second language books.

The director is looking into a possible change in the copier/printer system that might save \$1,000 per year in costs.

The budget for the next fiscal year has been finalized and is ready for submission to the city.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>—a written summary of receipts and expenses as of February 28, 2017 showed the library to be in good financial condition currently.

<u>Development Committee</u>—a few more contributions have been received for the Annual Appeal, bringing the total up to around \$13,000.

<u>Grant Committee</u>—both the Palmer and Bodenwein grant funds have balances that are available for use.

Building & Grounds Committee—the bathrooms and ceilings projects are ongoing.

<u>Friends of the Library</u>—both a new treasurer and assistant treasurer are now in place. The May book sale will take place on Saturday, May 20, and the following Monday and Tuesday ,

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty, Secretary