

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes November 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Daneen Roth at 4:20 p.m.

Present: G. Angell, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, E. Garcia Gonzalez, E. Gerity, W. Hannaford, D. Hersant, D.

Roth, Director S. Maryeski

Absent: L. Braxton

Minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting were approved.

<u>Director's Report</u>—see her written report. She reported that the annual appeal letter was ready for mailing and asked any who could to remain after the meeting to stuff envelopes.

She recommended closing the library at 5 p.m. on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve. It was so voted.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>—everything in order. Due to the current benign financial conditions the value of the investments has increased by 2 ½%.

<u>Development Committee</u>—annual appeal letter written. About \$4,000 collected last year—hope is for more this year Letters will be in the mail by the end of the week.

<u>Building & Grounds Committee</u>—repairs to the heating system have improved the distribution of heat throughout the building. One of the bathrooms shows signs of mold. This needs to be remedied, and a few minor repairs elsewhere need attention.

<u>Friends of the Library</u>—The annual meeting was very successful. About \$450 was realized on the sale of raffle tickets, a check for \$10,000 was presented to the library, and the author, Todd Gipstein, spoke about his new book <u>Magician's Choice</u>, and performed a few magic tricks at the meeting.

<u>Action Items</u>—Richard Gipstein has offered to donate to the library his collection of 14 architectural photos, to be mounted as a permanent display on a wall of the Community Room. It was voted to accept his offer with many thanks.

<u>Executive Session</u>—The Nominating Committee had proposed that Al Kinsall, a former member of the board, be elected to serve once more on the board. It was so voted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Doherty Secretary