

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON Board of Trustees Meeting November 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Daneen Roth at 4:19 p.m.

Present: G. Angell, L. Braxton, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, A. Kinsall, H. Kydd III, D. Roth, Director S. Maryeski

Absent: E. Garcia Gonzalez, W. Hannaford, D. Hersant, V. Mueller

<u>Public Comment</u>—Bud McAliister spoke of a number of plans he is interested in for the future of New London (renewable energy, magnet schools, et al) that the library might become a part of.

Minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting were approved after amending them to indicate that the library will be open December 30, 2017.

Director's Report—see her written report

<u>Personnel Committee</u>—recommended increasing a present part time Library Assistant position to a full time one. The director will determine if this is feasible after reviewing the library's financial position in a few weeks

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>—statement of receipts and disbursements at the end of October shows a slight loss. It appears that there should be more money available for the purchase of books.

<u>Development Committee</u>—around \$400 has been received for the annual appeal fund account through postings on Facebook by Daneen.

<u>Grant Committee</u>-- the Gates Foundation offers matching grants, through Facebook. This source will be investigated. A donation for \$1,500 has been received from Pfizer.

<u>Building & Grounds Committee</u>—the room on the ground floor which Drop-In Learning Center had been using is in need of some small repairs and is being rejuvenated. Fans for the two boilers have been replaced. Proper distribution of heat is being worked on. Bids for the new ceiling tiles have ranged from \$20,000 to \$40,000 (selection to be made). The security cameras may need relocating and new ones, or fake, may be needed. The board voted to allocate \$3,000 for this project.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty, Secretary