

Public Library of New London Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes September 10, 2019 (Postponed August Meeting)

Present: Josie Esposito, Nick Fischer, Bill Hannaford, Madhu Gupta, Daneen Roth

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

There were no minutes from the June 18 Board Meeting.

Executive Director Madhu Gupta updated the Board on reducing Security Guard Hours. She proposed having the Security Guard begin at 1:15 p.m. instead of 11:15 a.m. to effect a savings of about \$12,000 a year, which the Board approved unanimously.

The HOD for Information Services has resigned and the position will be filled at a lower rate by a current employee who is studying for a Library Degree.

The fountain at the Library entrance can no longer be run because its control box is located too near electrical fixtures in the Library basement. The cost to move the fountain water pump is too great for the library to consider at this time. It has been proposed to convert the fountain basin to a planter.

The Executive Director will investigate various online giving options besides Paypal.

The Board agreed to fund a staff holiday luncheon.

A brief discussion determined that unauthorized overtime will not be paid.

The Executive Director's proposal to present a children's book writing program at the York Correctional Center was accepted by the prison administration.

The Executive Director updated the Board on pending charges from Oxford Insurance over missed payments in 2016 as well as a puppet theater for the Children's Room and the National Register Plaque for outside the Library building. A Spark Maker Space 6-month scholarship will be awarded to a staff member.

Adopt-a-Book will begin October 24 and extend through December 31.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daneen Roth, Acting Secretary