



PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes September 17, 2013

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

Present: G. Angell, M. Doherty, E. Garcia Gonzalez, E. Gerity, W. Hannaford, D. Hersant, D. Roth, Council Liaison M. Friess McSparran, Director S. Maryeski

Excused: J. Esposito, J. Gonzalez

Absent: L. Braxton

Minutes of the August 20, 2013 meeting were approved.

Public Comment—M. Friess McSparran reported that the City Council had restored to the library the \$52,700 it had previously cut from its budget. She was hopeful that the coming year would show an increase in the city's revenue.

Director's Report—see her written report. She announced that a grant writing seminar would be held on Oct. 3, with the help of the Community Foundation. Water had flowed into the building during a heavy rain and had soaked the carpet in the Community Room. Servicemaster was called to dry it out.

Nominating Committee—D. Hersant will call the chairman to ask her to invite Al Kinsall back on the board at the request of the board's members.

Treasurer's Report—a budget for the fiscal year 2014 was presented, with the hope of keeping average monthly expenses at \$55,000. Most of the funds have been transferred to the new brokerage firm. Probably too much money in cash now—will be looking for appropriate investment opportunities.

Development Committee—a meeting is scheduled for Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. There needs to be a goal set for a fund raising attempt, with a particular focus picked. It was suggested that the availability of memorial gifts, possibly in the form of specific book purchases, be noted in the monthly newsletters.

Building & Grounds Committee—wood on the outside of the old portion of the building in need of painting. Small repair jobs are in the process of being taken care of. The committee will look into the possibility of installing some solar panels to reduce the heating expense.

Friends of the Library—November 17 has been set for the annual meeting.

New Business—there are two retired employees getting their health insurance premiums paid for them by the library (a result of verbal agreements with them at the time of their retirement). This is a one-time special situation and should be indicated as such. The Personnel Committee will be asked to write this into the policies. Benefits for employees are to be paid only for those working 30 hour a week

Executive Session—the results of the board members evaluation of the Director were completely positive. It was voted to give her a much deserved 3% raise.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty
Secretary