



PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON
63 Huntington Street, New London, CT 06320
Meeting of Board of Trustees
April 20, 2021 at 4:00 pm
Minutes

Present: Habibah Abdul-Hakeem, Madhu Gupta, Daneen Roth, Henry Kydd, Victoria Mueller, Elizabeth Garcia-Gonzalez, Fran Kinsall, and Nicholas Fischer.

President Daneen Roth called the Zoom meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

New Business

- A portion of the roof where the bookkeeper sits is leaking (slate tiles). Critical documents have been moved. Madhu and Gordon will make a recommendation to the board on bids and the board can then vote to approve the work.
- Paul Flanagan an artist from Stonington would like to donate his artwork to the PLNL. Madhu shared samples with the board via screenshare.
 - **ACTION:** Nick Fischer made a motion to accept the artwork and display the pieces in the library. Victoria Mueller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
 - Director Madhu Gupta will reach out to the artist in order to assess the dollar value of the donations.

Old Business

- PLNL is still in need of someone to fill Josie Esposito's and David Hersant's positions on the board. Possible candidate with financial experience will be invited to the next meeting.
- The next PLNL meeting will be the annual meeting and the board will need to elect a treasurer.
- Director Madhu Gupta reported that her budget presentation to the City of New London went well. She discussed the progress of the library during the pandemic. Madhu advocated for a 5% increase based on a need for staffing help as the library works to return to normalcy.
- Victoria Mueller is working with Josie Esposito's family on a memorial gathering in honor of Josie.

Nick Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Victoria Mueller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry E. Kydd III, Secretary