

The Public Library of New London
Minutes: Board of Trustees Meeting April 18, 2023

Present: Gordon Angell, Habibah Abdul-Hakeem, Lonnie Braxton, Nick Fischer, Elizabeth Garcia-Gonzales, Madhu Gupta, Daneen Roth

Board President Daneen Roth called the meeting to order via Zoom at 4:07 p.m.

Nick Fischer moved that the February 21, 2023 meeting minutes be accepted as submitted, noting that his name had been entered twice in the list of members present. Habibah Abdul-Hakeem seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive Director Madhu Gupta reviewed progress on current grants for renovations and repairs to the Library through local CBDG, State Construction Grants, and the Community Foundation. A Pfizer grant continues to fund STEAM activities. New personnel appointments and Library use figures were announced by the Director.

The Library will pursue a Community Foundation grant for a small, individual cubicle-type quiet “phone booth” room to be added to space in the adult reading room for individual small meetings. The Library staff is preparing for a Book Sale to run during the month of May. The Executive Director will continue the maintenance contract with EMCOR if there is no comparable service available before the contract due date. Members of the Board offered suggestions for the staff in dealing with inappropriately noisy patrons.

Nick Fischer moved to accept the Personnel Manual updates as submitted and reviewed. Lonnie Braxton seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Nick Fischer moved to adjourn and Liz Garcia-Gonzales seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daneen Roth, Acting Recording Secretary