

Public Library of New London Board of Trustees Meeting

June 20, 2023

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

President Daneen Roth called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

Nick Fischer moved to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting be approved as submitted. Elizabeth Garcia Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive Director Madhu Gupta reported on grants received and the progress toward the “phonebooth” parent-child work station.

Megan Soucier was recommended to fill the position of Digital Navigator. Nick Fischer moved to accept that recommendation, and Gordon Angell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Executive Director recommended staff raises of 3% for the coming fiscal year. Nick Fischer moved to accept that recommendation, pending on the final allocation from the City Budget on July 1. Elizabeth Garcia Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Madhu Gupta proposed a step increase for the Head of Information Services. Nick Fischer moved to approve the increase, and Gordon Angell seconded the motion, which passes unanimously.

Victoria Mueller reported that plans for a fall fundraising gala are progressing well, with money raised in sponsorship to “seed” a November 4 event at Ocean Beach.

Gordon Angell nominated Bill Hannaford for a renewed term as Treasurer. Nick Fischer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Bill Hannaford will serve as Treasurer until 2025.

Nick Fischer moved to allow the Executive Director to assess the age-appropriateness of a request from an individual to present a Story Hour at the Library. Gordon Angell seconded the motion, which passed 3-2.

Nick Fischer moved and Gordon Angell seconded the motion for the Board to move into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.. The motion passed unanimously and the Board returned to regular order at 5:29 p.m.

Gordon Angell moved to adjourn and Habibah Abdul- Hakeem seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.