

Public Library of New London Board of Trustees Meeting October 15, 2024

Present: Gordon Angell, Nick Fischer (Zoom), Elizabeth Garcia Gonzales (Zoom), Fran Kinsall (Zoom), Madhu Gupta, Daneen Roth, Akil Peck, City Council Liaison

Board President Daneen Roth called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

City Councilor Akil Peck announced the Coast Guard Museum Community Information Day to be held at The Garde Arts Center for November 2. Representatives from the Library will attend.

Gordon Angell moved that the minutes of the August 20, 2024 meeting be accepted as submitted. Nick Fischer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive Director Madhu Gupta highlighted the programs and activities that have taken place. She also noted upcoming events and programs, especially the Adopt-A-Book Kickoff November 7 and the annual Food Drive for the holidays. The Library Audit will take place November 5-6. The Library will investigate hiring a structural engineer to assess the Library building. The Library may qualify for the State program to fund certified structural engineers for historical structures.

The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT has awarded the Library a \$2500 grant to establish a Library of Things to include nontraditional items to be lent, such as extension cords, long tables, a hiking and travel kit for children, and various other items that may be of particular use to the community. Executive Director Madhu Gupta presented the Library of Things Policy/Waiver document. Nick Fischer moved to approve the policy, contingent on legal review by Victoria Mueller. Liz Garcia Gonzales seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive Director Madhu Gupta proposed pay raises for the Assistant Director and an hourly employee, based on their longevity in the positions. Nick Fischer moved to approve the raises and Gordon Angell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Liz Garcia Gonzales moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nick Fischer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daneen Roth, Acting Secretary