

The Public Library of New London
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 18, 2024

Present: Gordon Angell, Madhu Gupta, Victoria Mueller, Daneen Roth, Zoom: Habibah Abdul-Hakeem, Fran Kinsall

President Daneen Roth called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

The minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting were amended to note that Fran Kinsall did not resign her Board membership and remains a Board member in good standing. Gordon Angell moved to accept the minutes as amended and Fran Kinsall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive Director Madhu Gupta presented figures showing the success of the April Gala, which exceeded our goal. Board members congratulated Victoria Mueller and her committee for the enthusiasm and energy that made the Gala such a success. Planning for next year's Gala, following much the same format, will begin soon.

The Executive Director announced that the Library has received grants from various organizations for STEAM programs and for technology upgrades in the Community Room. The Shea Grant will provide funds for weekend hours, and the Chamber of Commerce has granted funds for a Library of Things. The lower level bathroom renovation is complete except for tile installation.

Victoria Mueller moved to accept the current slate of candidates for President, Vice President, and Secretary. Fran Kinsall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Library officers for the 2024-2026 term will be President, Daneen Roth; Vice president, Gordon Angell; Secretary, Henry Kidd III. The office of Treasurer is elected in odd-numbered years. Therefore, Bill Hannaford will remain Treasurer through June 2025.

Several individuals' names were suggested for possible Board membership. President Daneen Roth will follow up with the individuals and invite them to the August Board meeting. The Board considered a motion regarding staff as follows: to raise staff salaries by 2%, increase custodian salary, promote Teen Library Assistant to Librarian, and give staff making minimum wage a raise to \$16.50 an hour. Victoria Mueller moved to approve the promotion and all the increases, and Gordon Angell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Increases will be effective as of July 1, 2024.

Gordon Angell requested that the Library post more photos of its activities and programs.

Victoria Mueller moved to adjourn and Fran Kinsall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daneen Roth, Acting Secretary