

Public Library of New London Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025

Present: Gordon Angell, Madhu Gupta, Daneen Roth. **Zoom:** Debbie Fergusson, Nick Fischer, Scott Garbini, Habibah Abdul-Hakeem.

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

December 17, 2024 Board Meeting minutes were unanimously accepted as submitted. Nick Fischer moved to accept and Gordon Angell seconded the motion.

Executive Director Madhu Gupta reviewed the major points in her monthly report. Teen area renovations are progressing with new shelving. Nick Fischer moved to approve a contingency vote for approving the payment of funds for the wall shelving. Scott Garbini seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Gordon Angell noted the boiler control issues were resolved through Bartol, who recommended not lowering the nighttime thermostat because of the strain placed on boilers firing off in the morning to make up the temperature deficit.

The Finance Committee continues to consider writing an Investment Policy. They have met with Dan Spring of Stifel as well as representatives from Morgan Stanley. Bill Hannaford will schedule a finance committee meeting with Dan Adams before any investment decisions are to be made.

The Board approved the Library of Things Policy and Waiver that had been submitted to Victoria Mueller for consultation. Nick Fischer moved to approve and Scott Garbini seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Friends of the Library continues to receive mail at the Library address. Daneen Roth will contact Fran Kinsall about it when Fran returns from travel.

Nick Fischer, Scott Garbini, Debbie Fergusson, Daneen Roth, and Madhu Gupta will serve on the Long Range Planning Committee. It was suggested that a survey be developed for patrons to indicate what Library offerings are desired in the next 5-10 years.

The Director's Annual Report was presented for approval. Nick Fischer moved to accept it, Scott Garbini seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Nichole Thomas was elected Board Secretary to replace Henry Kydd III, who resigned due to increasing professional commitments.

Board members thanked and congratulated Executive Director Madhu Gupta for her professionalism and initiative in keeping The Public Library of New London a vital and well-functioning institution.

Nick Fischer moved to adjourn, and Scott Garbini seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Daneen Roth, Acting Secretary