

The Public Library of New London
August 18, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

Nick Fischer moved that the minutes of the June 16, 2020 meeting be accepted as submitted. Gordon Angell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive Director Madhu Gupta reviewed current activities and procedures concerning the re-opening of the Library. She summarized the duties of various employees, some of whom are still working remotely.

The replacement of carpeting in the Children's room has been completed.

There will be no in-person programs at the Library this fall.

Due to an error, the City of New London had been paying the health insurance cost for a Library employee since October, 2018. The City has asked the Library to repay that sum. The appropriate City officials will be contacted to discuss repayment options.

Nick Fischer moved to approve a percentage raise for employees contingent on review by the Library's Treasurer. Habibah Abdul-Hakeem seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Library had been considering becoming fine-free, as many other libraries now are. Madhu Gupta explained how much the Library receives in late fees and fines as apart from other fees such as copying and notarizing documents. Nick Fischer moved to drop all late fees. Gordon Angell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Nick Fischer moved to adjourn. Elizabeth Garcia Gonzalez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daneen Roth, Acting Secretary