



PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON  
63 Huntington Street, New London, CT 06320  
Meeting of Board of Trustees

February 18, 2020 at 4:00 pm  
Minutes

**Present:** Gordon Angell, Nick Fischer, Madhu Gupta, Elizabeth Garcia Gonzales, Habibah Abdul Hakeem, Bill Hannaford, Henry Kydd, Daneen Roth.

Board President Daneen Roth called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Nick Fischer moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2019 as submitted. Bill Hannaford seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**New Business**

- I. Possibility of making the PLNL a fine free library was discussed. Madhu Gupta explained that often fees/fines prevent patrons from coming back to the library. Board members would like more information before putting the issue to a vote. Madhu will bring to the next meeting information to respond to the following questions:
  - What is meant by “fines and assessments”?
  - How many patrons owe PLNL fines? Average fine amount?
  - Alternate ways to pay fines?
  - How will we hold patrons responsible for items taken from library without fines?
  - Are there other local libraries that have gone fine free? What has been their experience?
- II. Board approved closing the library on July 3, 2020 in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday which falls on a Saturday this year.
- III. National Register plaque from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation will be installed on the left wall (opposite the fountain -- Huntington Street entrance) outside the library during National Library Week. Mayor Passero will be invited to attend.
- IV. Shea Grant money used to fund weekend hours (Sundays) will be gone by April 5<sup>th</sup>. As a result, Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday the library will be open for the year.
- V. Board approved offering the position of *Youth Services Supervisor* to David Henson. Board president Daneen Roth requested that a job description for the position be drafted.

VI. Nick Fischer shared information about a workshop that will be held on February 27, 2020 at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Congregation (Jay Street) from 4-6 p.m. Purpose of workshop is to reach people who haven't participated in the United States Census before. Key discussion items will be how to build trust, reach residents who do not speak English, and to recruit enumerators. Please see Mr. Fischer for more information.

### **Director's Report**

Madhu presented her director's report. See written report submitted prior to meeting for detailed information and highlights.

### **Executive Session**

Meeting moved into executive session at 4:35 PM.

Executive session adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Nick Fischer moved to adjourn, and Gordon Angell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM.

