



PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON
Board of Trustees
August 21, 2018 Minutes

Present: Habibah Abdul-Hakeem, Gordon Angell, Nick Fischer, Bill Hannaford, Al Kinsall, Suzanne Maryeski, Victoria Mueller

Gordon Angell called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Public comments were offered by Bud McAllister and Mark Roberts. As an example of the kind of project Mr. McAllister envisions for his Noah's Art proposal, Mr. Roberts reported on the Round Table Art project that involved connecting high school art students with individuals with disabilities or conditions like blindness to foster art that increases understanding and appreciation for what it is like to live with such conditions.

Nick Fischer moved that minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting be accepted as submitted. Habibah Abdul-Hakeem seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Victoria Mueller moved acceptance of the nomination of Denise Martens, brought by the Personnel Committee for the position of Head of Children's Services. Nick Fischer seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

In her Director's Report, Suzanne Maryeski noted that her retirement, announced by email a week earlier, will occur the first week in October. Nick Fischer will meet with Suzanne August 22, 2018 to assist in updating the Executive Director Position Description in preparation for posting an announcement of the position opening.

The Director recommended that the vacation policy be reviewed with consideration given to bringing it in line with other library systems by increasing the amount of vacation from two weeks to three weeks after five years of service, rather than the ten years currently specified. This recommendation was forwarded to the Personnel Committee for review and recommendation to the Board.

The City of New London contribution to the PLNL operating budget for the coming year continues to be solid in the City budget at the original proposed level.

Al Kinsall reported that library finances are in good order.

Gordon Angell reported on the status of the AC replacement contract (to be rebid), the security camera installation (nearly complete) and the LED lighting contract (signed).

Al Kinsall reported for the Policy/By-Laws Committee that work continues on preparation of a policy regarding service animals.

No reports were presented for the Development, Grants, Long Range Planning Committees and for the Friends of the Library.

Nick Fischer moved adjournment of the meeting at 5:00. Al Kinsall seconded the motion, which was approved by consensus.

Minutes taken by Gordon Angell.