



PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON
Minutes, Board of Trustees Meeting
January 16, 2018

Present: Gordon Angell, Lonnie Braxton, Josie Esposito, Elizabeth Garcia-Gonzalez, Davd Hersant, Al Kinsall, Suzanne Maryeski, Daneen Roth. Absent: William Hannaford, Henry Kidd II, Victoria Mueller. Public Participation: Steve Ricard

President Daneen Roth called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

The Board agreed to suspend the usual order of business and to proceed to actionable issues in light of the impending bad weather.

Al Kinsall requested the Board's support in sponsoring a Veteran's Information Forum in late spring and a Veteran's Day program on November 11. Both activities would be held at the Library, and the Library would assist in publicizing the events. Josie Esposito moved that the Library sponsor the two programs. Gordon Angell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Steve Ricard also noted the local Veteran's Coffee House from 9-11 am on Feb. 2 at the New London Senior Center.

Suzanne Maryeski informed the Board of the possibility of installing a temporary banner on the front of the Library for Lonnie Braxton's annual Black History Film Festival in February. Suzanne Maryeski will investigate several different banner designs and hanging arrangements.

The Board discussed the cost of re-establishing Wednesday morning hours for the next fiscal year. Al Kinsall moved that the Library's 2018-2019 proposed budget include a 5% increase for that purpose. Elizabeth Garcia-Gonzalez seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

To further fund the re-establishment of full Wednesday hours, David Hersant moved that the Library request \$50,000 from the Shea Perpetual Trust for fiscal year 2018-2019. Lonnie Braxton seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

In other business, the Personnel Committee directed Suzanne Maryeski to calculate the costs associated with hiring another full-time employee and how best to reapportion part-time hours.

Suzanne Maryeski reported that the current insurance company has dropped the Library coverage due to the amount of claims submitted in the past few years. The insurance agent is shopping for a new carrier. The Director is also researching what other local libraries do to provide disability insurance for employees.

A Finance Committee meeting will be necessary to discuss the implementation of online banking and check signing for Library business.

Josie Esposito moved to adjourn and Elizabeth Garcia Gonzalez seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daneen Roth, Acting Secretary