



**Public Library of New London**  
**Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**March 16, 2010, 4:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Mary Doherty called the meeting to order at 4:20 P.M.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Board members: Peg Cibes, L. David Cornish, Mary Doherty, Josie Esposito, Elizabeth Garcia Gonzalez, Ethel Gerity, David Hersant, Daneen Roth (from 5:10 p.m.), Bertha Willoughby. Director: Suzanne Maryeski.

Absent (excused): Board members Jocelyn Briddell, José Gonzalez, Robert Place; City Council Liaison Michael Passero.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (none)**

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

*MOTION:* Josie Esposito moved to accept the minutes of the Board meeting of February 23, 2010, with the following clarification: Peg Cibes resigned from her position as Board Secretary as of February 23, 2010, and from her position as Board member as of the end of her term during the summer of 2010. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

*MOTION:* Bertha Willoughby moved to appoint Ethel Gerity as Board Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Director was contacted by an insurance company soliciting the Library's insurance business. She will let them know that the Library is not moving its account from the Bailey Agency at this time.

**6. REPORTS**

a. **Director.** The Director's written report will be filed as submitted.

(i) After reviewing the Citizens' Advisory Council's and City Manager's recommendations not to fund the Library's request for CDBG funds, the City Council recommended a \$10,000 grant of CDBG funds to the Library. The Council's final vote will follow sometime after an upcoming public hearing on April 5.

(ii) *MOTION:* David Hersant moved to authorize the Director to acquire 3 sets of lockers from Solomon's, at an estimated total price of \$1500. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The Director will prepare a policy for locker use. It will include the following conditions/restrictions: (1) Locks may be purchased at a staff member's discretion; (2) Personal property will be the responsibility of a staff member; (3) No library, illegal, or unsanitary materials may be stored in the locker.

(iii) The Director will explore the issue of names tags for staff.

(iv) *MOTION:* Peg Cibes moved to authorize the Director to contract with EMCOR for the boiler work outlined in the Director's report, at an estimated total cost of \$7500. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- (v) **MOTION:** Ethel Gerity moved to authorize the Director to contract with Paquette Electric to perform the energy-saving work outlined in the Director's report, at an estimated total cost to the Library of \$11,500. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- (vi) The Library has received about \$1400 in donations as a result of the solicitation envelope distributed to each check-out patron.
- (vii) The Director noted the relatively low attendance of children. She also reported long waiting lines for computers.
- b. **Executive Committee** (no report)
- c. **Personnel & Nominating Committee** (no report)
- d. **Treasurer & Finance Committee.** David Hersant reported.  
The estimated year-end deficit is \$17,000.
- e. **Development Committee.** Peg Cibes reported.  
The Library will begin to prepare materials for an Annual Giving 2010 campaign. One proposed goal was roof repairs.
- f. **Building/Grounds Committee** (no report)
- g. **Friends of the Library.** Josie Esposito reported.  
Preparations for the June wine-tasting fund-raiser are underway.  
The Friends are working with the Director on optimizing the ongoing book sale display.  
**MOTION:** Ethel Gerity moved to accept the offer of author Alysse Aallyn to present a talk and book-signing opportunity for her new book, *Depraved Heart*. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- h. **Policy/Bylaws Committee.** Mary Doherty reported.  
Peg Cibes and Mary will meet to review patron policies.
- i. **Long Range Planning Committee** (no report)
- j. **Other Business** (none)

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **Community Room policy**  
**MOTION:** Ethel Gerity moved to adopt the revised Community Room policy as distributed, with one typo deleted. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- b. **Closing policy**  
The Board tabled a decision about a Closing policy until its April meeting.
- c. **Nautilus painting**  
The Board agreed to donate the Nautilus painting to the Customs House.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION** (none)

**9. SETTING OF FUTURE BUSINESS** (none)

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Peg Cibes moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 P.M. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Gerity, Board Secretary

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