



*Next regular
meeting*

**June 15, 2010
4:00 P.M.**

**Public Library of New London
Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
May 18, 2010, 4:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Daneen Roth called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Board members Jocelyn Briddell, Mary Doherty, Josie Esposito, Elizabeth Garcia Gonzalez, José Gonzalez, Ethel Gerity, David Hersant, Robert Place, Daneen Roth, Bertha Willoughby. Director: Suzanne Maryeski. City Council Liaison: Michael Passero.

Absent/Excused: L.David Cornish

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (none)

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MOTION: Moved to accept B. Willoughby, Second E. Gerity **SO MOVED**

5. REPORTS

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

(i) **Wireless Access:** Main computers are going onto regular wires because of high volume and unreliability of wireless access. DSL rates are being investigated, namely ATT & Metrocast.

(ii) **Grants:** Committee meeting Friday, 5/31/2010 at 10:30 A.M.

(iii) **Memorial Donations for June Gaffney,** member of Friends for many years

(iv) **Lifetime Achievement Award for Friends of Connecticut Libraries** has been awarded to Josephine Esposito and will be presented on Saturday, June 12 at the Cheshire Library

b. Executive Committee (no report)

c. Personnel/Nominating Committee

No report other than two persons agreeing to serve on Board if necessary

d. Treasurer & Finance Committee the Library's \$732,000 budget is not sustainable. We will run a deficit of \$15,000-25,000 this year and the Board needs to be concerned about the Revenues for the Library. We hope to finance the deficit by the Wells Fargo operating Fund and the Annual Giving Appeal. See Profit/loss Sheet.

e. Development Committee

Annual Giving materials are being prepared.

f. Building/Grounds Committee Boiler and Temperature Control was installed. The thermostat is in the middle of where the employee lockers should be placed therefore it needs to be

moved. Cellar area needs new cement floor if it is to be used for storing books. The cellar area also needs new lighting. There is now white light in the upper levels of the Library.

g. Friends of the Library

Preparations are being made for the Book Sale on Saturday, May 22, 2010.

The wine tasting Fund Raiser will be held on June 25, 2010 from 5:30-8:30 P.M. @ \$50 per person.

The “ongoing” portion of the Book Sale in 2008 netted \$1,125. The 2009 figure was \$817.42. It remains a concern that the Book Sale does better in the “ongoing portion” of it.

h. Policy/Bylaws Committee

Chapter 1 and 2 are yet to be done.

i. Long Range Planning Committee

Jocelyn Briddell appointed Chair and will get organized.

j. Other Business

i. New London Harbour Towers has approached Director for a SailFest Tuxedo Event partnering with the Library. Board discussed and Voted NOT INTERESTED AT THIS POINT.

ii. Todd Gipstein’s Lecture on Ledge Light lighthouse: approximately 28 attended.

iii. Donations Online: Jose Gonzalez will find out about a central area where donors may give to charitable organizations.

iv. Title of the Library: Federal Tax ID # determines the name of the institution. The name has to match exactly the name filed with the Secretary of State.

v. Annual Giving replies at the desk should be simplified. Too wordy.

vi. Remove “stuff” from Craft Room. There should be NO Rug. The outdated TV should be removed and disposed of provided there is no plaque on it designating a donor. If there is the Director will contact the family to negotiate what is to be done with it.

vii. Evaluations need to be done for personnel.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION (none)

8. SETTING OF FUTURE BUSINESS (none)

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion made by J. Esposito and Seconded by D. Hersant to adjourn meeting at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Gerity, Board Secretary

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