

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
March 26, 2012

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Members present: Bob Harris, Mollie Keller, Allen Hoffman, Joy Hostage, Linda Anderson, Scott Hughes, Daphne Deeds

Members absent: John N. Barry, Eileen DeMayo, Judge Michael Sheldon, Commissioner Stefan Pryor, Judge Francis Hennessy

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Mark Smith, Nancy Peluso, Tom Newman, Diane Pizzo, Carol Trinchitella (State Library), Betsy McIlvaine (ACLB), Jill Dugas Hughes (CLC)

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Bob Harris at 1:15 p.m.

MINUTES

It was MOVED (Mollie Keller) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2012, STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Hostage stated that she is missing Judge Hennessy and suggested that greetings be sent to him from the Board. Ken informed the Board that he recently spoke with Judge Hennessy. He wishes he was able to attend the meetings but his health is keeping him away.

Joy also stated that the American Library Association was looking for support for LSTA funding by asking senators and representatives to sign a 'Dear Colleague' letter of support to maintain the level of funding for the Library Services and Technology Act in 2012. Joy contacted Congressman Christopher Murphy asking for his support and reported that Senators Blumenthal and Lieberman have signed the Senate letter.

Linda Anderson shared that Ridgefield had a special referendum for its Library and it passed but only by 300 votes. The referendum is for \$5 million and the library has raised nearly \$15 million. The Ridgefield Library will be temporarily operating out of an old supermarket while the addition is under construction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ken Wiggin prepared a written report which was included in the Board's meeting packet. Ken stated that the Judicial Department has been pressing him to move the model of the USS Connecticut from the foyer. Plans have been made for it to be moved into Memorial Hall. A Curator from the Naval Department will be overseeing the move. They will also be cleaning the model and making repairs to the case.

The Connecticut Heritage Foundation has agreed to pay for the State Library to partner with *Connecticut Explored* Magazine. This means the Library and Museum will have a quarter page ad each issue of the magazine.

MINUTES

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OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): There was no representative for CLA present. Jill Hughes from the Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC) stated that the CLA Annual Conference is scheduled for May 7 – May 8. The programs are already on the CLA website. There are four more days to place an ad in the CLA program. Costs of ads start at \$100.

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Ken reported that ACLPD has an action item coming before the Board later in the meeting. At its April meeting ACLPD will be discussing the results of the recently completed outside evaluation of the LSTA 5 Year Plan and the new LSTA Five Year Plan which is due at the end of June.

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): Jill Hughes distributed a document that stated CLC's Mission, Values and Principles and also its Strategic Imperatives. Jill encouraged everyone to make sure their library is using the discount programs CLC offers. CLC serves libraries all over the state. The CLC website has tremendous use, especially by library staff.

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Betsy McIlvaine, President of ACLB, reported that ACLB's major role is to advocate for libraries. ACLB will sponsor a program at the CLA Conference focusing on the use of library statistics for advocacy. They partnered with the Friends and the State Library to produce a document that distinguishes the relationship between Library Directors, Trustees and Friend.

Friends: Carl Nawrocki was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a written report which Ken Wiggin read to the Board. At their March 24 retreat, FOCL produced a draft vision and mission statement along with core values on how Friends should conduct their business. FOCL will be holding a Boot Camp at the University of Hartford on April 21 that will focus on communication. The FOCL annual meeting will take place on June 9, 2012, at the Hamden Public Library. The meeting will include presenting statewide awards and also the transfer of FOCL presidency from Carl Nawrocki to Paul McIlvaine. Author Laura Von Wormer will be the featured speaker.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update: Ken Wiggin reported that he is waiting to hear from the Appropriations Committee about what will happen with the budget. Some reductions have been restored although it still leaves the budget much less than it was supposed to be. The revised budget is a 9.7% reduction from our appropriations. Ken recently had a positive meeting with the subcommittee regarding the State Library's budget.

Legislative Update:

Ken went over the Legislative Update document that was distributed to the Board. The document details the legislative bills that could impact the State Library. The Museum Property Act bill is moving along nicely. This bill will give Connecticut museums, archives, and libraries a means to get clear title to property in their possession. Ken is hoping that several of the other bills described in his handout don't progress into anything.

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Regarding the maps and atlases being sold, Ken stated that the State Library will be receiving the proceeds from all the sales on a monthly basis. Ken is keeping a low profile on this deaccession process and will not be sending out any press releases. He has been keeping in touch with the governor's office. The contract with the vendor, Cohen and Taliaferro, will be finalized this week. The materials will be digitized at the State Library before being turned over to the dealer.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Changes to State Grant Program for Public Library Construction Timetable and Guidelines for 2012-13: It was immediately MOVED (M. Keller) seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE STATE GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE AND GUIDELINES FOR 2012 - 2013. Ken introduced Tom Newman who is now working on all public library construction matters. Libraries who have been awarded grants by the State Library Board, but are not ready to proceed with their projects are often tying up grant funds for years. With the changes to the Timetable and Guidelines the library will be required to have their local matching funds in place within 3 years of receiving State Library Board grant approval or the grant award will be forfeited. This action will be prospective and not affect current awardees. Letters were sent to libraries who have received a library construction grant asking the status of their project. The letter also requested information on the status of obtaining their local funding, expectations to be near funding goals within the next year, and also whether there have been any amendments to the construction project plans or are there any amendments expected. Not all libraries that were sent the letter have replied. Some libraries replied that their plans for construction have been cancelled and others replied that they are ready to go forward with their plans. The MOTION was passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

It was MOVED (M. Keller) seconded (J. Hostage) to adjourn. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2012, at 1:15p.m. in the Attorney's Conference Room at 231 Capitol Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggan, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

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