

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
February 25, 2013

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Members present: John N. Barry, Bob Harris, Judge Michael Sheldon, Judge Robert Beach, Mollie Keller, Eileen DeMayo, Allen Hoffman, Linda Anderson, Joy Hostage, Jay Johnston, Ernie DiMattia

Members absent: Stefan Pryor

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Mark Smith, Dawn La Valle, Nancy Peluso, Diane Pizzo, LeAnn Power, (State Library), Betsy McIlvaine (ACLB)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John N. Barry at 1:15 p.m.

John welcomed the two new board members Ernie DiMattia, President of The Ferguson Library (Stamford) and Jay Johnston, Executive Director of the Farmington Public Library. John thanked outgoing board members Daphne Deeds and Scott Hughes, who were not at the meeting, for their tremendous service and dedication to the board. John asked Ken to write a letter to Daphne and Scott, on behalf of the Board, expressing their appreciation.

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It was MOVED (R. Beach) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE November 26, 2012, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Hostage reported that the Cheshire Public Library, her home town library, has a very successful Lego program for children. The community has donated Lego toys for use at the program. Once the children have completed their Lego creations, they are put on display at the library. Judge Sheldon asked for information on how this program was set up. He would like to give this information to his wife who is on the Canton Public Library Board. Joy stated that she will get that information for Judge Sheldon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ken Wiggin had two updates to his written report. The State Library has been involved in a discussion in what to do with the cards and letters of condolences sent to the town of Newtown after the Sandy Hook tragedy. Ken along with Kathy Craughwell-Varda, Director of the Conservation ConneCTion project attended a meeting with town representatives and some local residents. Ken emphasized that they only attended the meeting in an advisory capacity. There are various viewpoints and ideas on what to do with the cards, letters and memorials. Ken encouraged those at the meeting to keep the materials for their historical value. This is a situation that has very little precedent. John thanked Ken for his assistance in advising the Newtown town representatives and community with this difficult situation.

Ken also reported that earlier this morning he participated in an event that was

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attended by the congressional delegation. The event announced that a book and CD, documenting the life of Venture Smith are being sent to schools and libraries throughout Connecticut and encouraging them to include these resources in their collections. Venture Smith was a slave who purchased his freedom and went on to become a successful businessman and property owner in Haddam, Connecticut before the Revolutionary War. Chandler Saint, co-director of the Documenting Venture Smith Project arranged this successful event which took place in front of the Prudence Crandall statue in the State Capitol. There were over 100 in attendance, including members of the media. A copy of the book and CD are being sent to each public library through the Connecticut service.

OTHER REPORTS

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Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Director of Library Development Dawn La Valle reported for CLA President Carl DeMilia. Dawn and Carl attended the Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times 2012 “I Love My Librarian!” awards ceremony. Two of the 10 nationwide recipients of this award were Connecticut librarians. Dawn read a quote from Vartan Gregorian, president of the Carnegie Corporation, which emphasized the importance of libraries in the life of society, community, school, college, city and nation. His quote also stated that “In both an actual and symbolic sense, the library, and hence librarians, are the guardians of freedom of thought and freedom of choice”.

CLA

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Dawn La Valle reported for Mary Hogan, Chair of ACLPD. The Division of Library Development (DLD) iCONN Administrator Bill Sullivan was profiled as part of an initiative to re-familiarize old and new ACLPD members with what each DLD staff member’s responsibilities are.

ACLPD

ACLPD voted to approve recommended LSTA grant categories, Every Child Ready to Read and Services to Older Adults.

Dawn explained the SMART MONEY WEEK @ YOUR LIBRARY Campaign which is scheduled for 4/20-4/27/13. The Division of Library Development and the Connecticut Library Consortium are working to give Connecticut libraries access to potential financial presenters.

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): No report at this time.

CLC

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Betsy McIlvaine, President of ACLB reported that ACLB is busy planning their fall conference scheduled for October.

ACLB

March is busy with workshops focused on finding new ways to recruit new board members

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Betsy McIlvaine reported for President of FOCL Paul McIlvaine who was unable to attend. The Friends are already working on their next Boot Camp Conference scheduled for April 20th at the University of Hartford. Boot Camp will include an exhibition of Friends from around the state with their creative fundraising projects as well as a vendor that

FOCL

runs miniature golf events at libraries. The Friends are looking for avenues to raise funds other than book sales. The morning will also include sessions on Effective Advocacy, Chat with FOCL's Web Master Adam DeLaura and Working Together for Better Libraries.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update: Ken stated that the State Library's current year budget is on track.

Legislative Update: Ken distributed a Legislative Update document that he had prepared for the original State Library Board meeting date of January 28, 2013. Ken had more legislative updates since that time. There was lengthy Board discussion on the proposed bills, specifically with E-Books and libraries. John asked Jay Johnston, to speak to this matter in his capacity as a library director. Jay stated that the use of E-Books is increasing while the use of hard copy books is decreasing. If a book sits on a shelf for a year it loses its desirability. Jay said the we need to work with legislators for a law helping libraries gain access to ebooks. Judge Beach asked why some publishers don't want to work with libraries. The response was that libraries are seen as competition. One publisher has increased the cost of books and another has limited the availability of E-Books which is causing a great deal of difficulty for libraries. The Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development has an E-Book Task Force which is looking into ways to help understand and work through the service challenges E-Books present. Library users can borrow books from different libraries but E-Books can only be borrowed by the patrons of a library that owns it. Ken stated that an underlying problem is that publishers are moving from a copyright model to a licensing model. Under the first sale doctrine if a library buys a copyrighted book it can be loaned and resold. A book that is licensed cannot be loaned subject to the license and cannot be resold. John stated that hopefully by the next board meeting there will be more concrete information on this bill and the board can consider preparing a resolution showing support for this legislative initiative. John thanked Ken for his legislative liaison work, especially during the session, in addition to his work as State Librarian. Other state agencies have a designated Legislative Liaison position.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Proposal – Suspend the Maintenance of Effort for State Grants to Public Libraries: Ken stated that a requirement for a public library to receive a state grant was that the municipality had to maintain financial support of its public library. Libraries became ineligible for state aid grants if the municipal appropriations were reduced by less than the average appropriated for the three previous fiscal years. If the library had an unusually high expenditure in one of the three years, an exemption could only be granted by the State Library Board. In the past few years municipal budgets have become tighter and the affects of this is impacting library budgets. The State Librarian proposed, and the legislature agreed, to a two year moratorium on municipal maintenance of effort . This prevented the State Library from having to deny state aid to requesting libraries. A second two year moratorium was again agreed to by the legislature. The State Library Data Coordinator feels that another two year continuation of the moratorium on the maintenance of effort is warranted because many town budgets are still struggling and are unable to maintain the financial support to their library as required. Without another two year moratorium, some libraries will be ineligible for state aid. It was MOVED (J. Johnston) seconded (E.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update

Legislative Update

NEW BUSINESS

Maintenance of Effort for State Grants

DiMattia) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY SUPPORT A 2 YEAR CONTINUATION OF AN EXEMPTION TO THE PROVISION OF C.G.S. Sec. 11-24b (4) REQUIRING MUNICIPAL FUNDING FOR A PRINCIPAL PUBLIC LIBRARY NOT FALL BELOW THE THREE YEAR AVERAGE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND INSTRUCTS THE STATE LIBRARIAN TO PURSUE INCLUSION OF SAID EXEMPTION AS PART OF THE 2013-2015 BIENNIAL BUDGET. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

Approval of 2013 Legislative Agenda: Ken submitted four legislative proposals to the Office of Policy and Management and the Governor's office. The State Library Board had previously supported the concepts of these proposals. The proposed bills that make up the State Library's 2013 Legislative agenda are:

2013 Legislative Agenda

1. An Act Adopting the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act
2. An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the State Librarian for the Preservation and Authentication of Electronic Documents
3. An Act Concerning E-government and the Preservation and Management of Electronic Records
4. An Act Concerning Public Library Construction Grants

Ken is recommending that the State Library Board endorse the 2013 Legislative Agenda and authorize him to testify before the General Assembly to seek support for the State Library's Legislative agenda. It was MOVED (E. DiMattia) seconded (M. Sheldon) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD ENDORSE THE STATE LIBRARIAN'S 2013 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND AUTHORIZE THE STATE LIBRARIAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT AND TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR THE AGENDA FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

Approval of State Grant Program for Public Library Construction Timetable and Guidelines 2012-2013: Ken referred to the fact sheet which was included in the Board's information packet. The State Library's Construction Grant Program is managed by Tom Newman of the Division of Library Development. Mr. Newman has been reviewing the grants program and has proposed a number of changes to streamline the process for both applicants and also the State Library's own grants management. The fact sheet explained the recommended changes to the Guidelines. This is being brought before the Board for prior input before being presented to the Board for approval at its March meeting.

Timetable and Guidelines 2012-2013

Approval of Resolution for Carol Ganz: It was immediately MOVED (E. DiMattia) seconded (R. Beach) THAT ON THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY EXTEND THEIR HEARTFELT THANKS AND DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO CAROL GANZ FOR HER DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY AND THEIR APPRECIATION FOR HER EFFORTS TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE LIBRARY COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF CONNECTICUT. PASSED unanimously.

Resolution for Carol Ganz Motion

Approval of Resolution for Bonnie Linck: It was immediately MOVED (M. Sheldon) seconded (R. Harris) THAT ON THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY EXTEND THEIR HEARTFELT THANKS AND DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO BONNIE LINCK FOR HER DEDICATION AND

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OTHER BUSINESS

John thanked new Board members Ernie DiMattia and Jay Johnston for their input and helpful participation at their first meeting.

At 2:15 p.m., it was MOVED (J. Johnston) TO ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

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Motion