

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
March 22, 2010

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

Members absent: Judge William Lavery , Judge Francis Hennessy

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Sharon Brettschneider, Jane Beaudoin, Mary Louise Jensen, Nancy Peluso (State Library), Jill Hughes (CLC)

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**MINUTES**

It was MOVED (J. Hostage) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE January 25, 2010, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED with one abstention (J. Barry).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Ken Wiggin stated that he will be announcing to staff tomorrow that the State Library has hired a new Fiscal Administrator. His name is Mark Smith and he has substantial work history at the Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Information Technology and also the UConn Health Center.

The few staff of the State Library that work at 79 Elm Street will be relocated to 231 Capitol Avenue by the end of March. This is an absolute definite deadline. Office furniture has been ordered and will be delivered next week and phone lines will be installed. Ken commended the Judicial maintenance staff for their help and preparation during the move.

Ken invited any questions to his written report and stated he will be giving a legislative report later in the meeting.

**OTHER REPORTS**

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): There was no representative from CLA present. Sharon Brettschneider took the opportunity to announce that CLA's Annual Conference will be held on April 19-20 at the Mohegan Sun. There will be many exciting programs and everyone is invited to attend.

Association of Connecticut Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Sharon Brettschneider reported that ACLPD last met in February. The main action item was the Public Library Construction Timetable and Guidelines for 2010-2011. These guidelines will come before the Board for consideration later in the meeting. There was also a meeting of the Planning Committee for the Division of Library Development. 5 focus groups were held around the state. There was also a meeting last week with partner organizations for further planning. The partner organizations include ACLB, Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC), 3 network libraries, LION, Bibliomation, LEAP, and the CT Humanities Council.

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Sharon Brettschneider reported that ACLB has not met recently. They are still working on the Trustees Manual. ACLB would like to expand its membership and has sent out an announcement in search of new board members. Sharon encouraged anyone who knows someone who may be interested in joining the ACLB to please contact them.

Friends: Sharon Brettschneider reported a spring session of the Friends of Connecticut

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Friends

Libraries workshop was held. This was the second of two workshops which had over 30 attendees. The first workshop had filled up quickly which prompted the need for a second. The annual meeting of the Friends will be held in June at the Cheshire Library.

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): At this point in the meeting, Jill Hughes, the new Executive Director of the Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC) arrived and was introduced by Ken Wiggin. Jill stated that she joined CLC on March 1, 2010. Jill distributed a document reporting on CLC activities (which will be included in the meeting packet on file). CLC is working collaboratively with the State Library and CLA to determine and correct the duplication of services. Jill has met with Ken Wiggin and Sharon Brettschneider to discuss joint efforts for the future.

CLC

Daphne Deeds updated the Board on the planning efforts for a collaboration with Yale to do a joint coin exhibit. Daphne has been in touch with William Metcalf, Curator of Coins and Medals and Adjunct Professor of Classics at Yale and although he expressed interest in this venture, he is insisting on being paid for mileage to meetings. The State Library is not in a position to pay for mileage and it was also understood that this was a joint venture and both agencies would be equal in its efforts.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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Budget Update: The Governor's budget has eliminated 11 of the positions vacated by the recent retirements. The current mitigation plan only affected the Tech-4-All program. This is a program refurbishes old computers and trains parents to use them. These computers go to low-income families that have school-age children living at home, and do not have technology access in their home. Ken reported that he is not sure what will happen in the next fiscal year. Ken was able to get one budget line item released under iCONN. He was also successful in getting funding for one position moved from under iCONN back to the general fund.

Budget Update

Legislative Update:

Ken Wiggin distributed a Legislative Update report he prepared for the Board. The document shows what bills the State Library is tracking and also shows if we are in favor of the bill or opposed.

Legislative Update

Board member John Barry questioned whether the State Librarian should be seeking input from the Board on legislative items that concern the State Library before he testifies in support or opposition of a bill. John stated that it is possible that there could be some issues that the Board or some of its members don't necessarily agree on. John suggested that Ken send an email to Board members alerting them on what he will be testifying on and requesting the Board's view on the matter. Ken replied that he will make every effort to involve the Board in legislative matters that could affect the State Library. He added that often timing is a factor as the hearings come up quickly and Ken is required to submit testimony to the Office of Policy and Management prior to the hearings.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Approval of the Public Library Construction Grant Timetable and Guidelines 2009-2010: Mary Louise Jensen reported that this document is reviewed annually to see if any changes should be recommended. The Board went over the suggested changes to the Timetable and Guidelines which because of the state's budget constraints is only for distressed municipalities. It was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE STATE GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE AND GUIDELINES 2010-2011. PASSED unanimously.

Public Library Construction Grant Timetable and Guidelines

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Ken Wiggin added that a letter has been sent to the Bond Commission which requests the release of funds for all the projects that the Board has approved. Ken encouraged communities to contact the Governor's office in support of their individual agendas.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

John Barry asked about the guidelines and criteria for materials getting put in the Archives. Ken Wiggin stated that the information must relate to the history or government of the state. Some material is recommended to the Historical Society. Ken will have the State Archivist Mark Jones explain that to the Board members in more detail at the next meeting.

Ken informed the Board that the Connecticut Heritage Foundation is sponsoring a new program which brings a speaker in Memorial Hall at lunch time on the third Thursday of every month. Presentations are advertised in the Hartford Courant's Calendar page and well as the Legislative Bulletin. Emails are sent out on library listserves as well. Guests are invited to bring their lunch with them and the programs run from 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. All presentations are free.

John Barry commended Joy Hostage for her work on the Cheshire Library Board during the very controversial book written about the tragic home invasion in Cheshire. Joy Hostage stated that Cheshire Library Board members and Cheshire Library staff received many phone calls about this matter and although the book is available at the Cheshire Library many residents did not want the book in their library. The ACLU sent a letter commending the Cheshire Library Board for supporting the library's director.

At 2:13 p.m., it was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (J. Hostage) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. at the Van Block Facility.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

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Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

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