

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
May 23, 2011

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Members present: Bob Harris, Mollie Keller, Allen Hoffman, Eileen DeMayo, Joy Hostage, Jack Hasegawa, John Barry, Judge William Lavery

Members absent: Scott Hughes, Linda Anderson, Judge Francis Hennessy, Daphne Deeds

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Mark Smith, Dean Nelson, Mary Louise Jensen, LeAnn Power, Douglas Lord (State Library), Carl Nawrocki (FOCL), Anwar Ahmad (Hartford Public Library), Jane Bickford, Lynn Rosato (Bethel Public Library), Jeffrey Ott (Brooklyn Town Library Association.), Edwin C. Mallory (Scranton Memorial Library), Betsy McIlvaine (ACLB)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mollie Keller at 1:15 p.m.

MINUTES

It was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE March 28, 2011, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED with one abstention (W. Lavery).

MINUTES

Motion

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ken Wiggin prepared a written report which was included in the Board's meeting packet. Ken reported that Sharon Brettschneider did an outstanding job with her contributions to a successful and first ever Connecticut Book Festival. Ken thanked Sharon for representing the Connecticut State Library which was a principle partner in the event.

**STATE
LIBRARIAN'S
REPORT**

Ken reported that the state is waiting for union members to vote on the labor settlement. If the settlement is not passed then Plan B, which includes elimination of the State Library, once again becomes an option. Ken thanked the Board for their support when this issue first surfaced.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): There was no representative for CLA present.

OTHER REPORTS

CLA

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Sharon Brettschneider stated that there was no report at this time.

ACLPD

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): There was no representative for CLC present.

CLC

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Betsy McIlvaine, President of ACLB, reported that ACLB's goal is to make Connecticut public library boards work better resulting in libraries working more efficiently. ACLB gave their second of two workshops on fundraising. ACLB is available to library boards to provide individual counseling. ACLB drafted a protest letter which they planned to send to the governor in opposition of Plan B's possible elimination of the State Library.

ACLB

Friends: Carl Nawrocki reported that the Friends' annual meeting will take place on June 4, 2011, at 9:30 a.m, at the South Windsor Public Library. The meeting will include the annual awards ceremony and will also feature special guest speaker Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, Connecticut State Archeologist. Everyone was invited to attend.

FRIENDS

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update: Ken Wiggin went over the Legislative Update document that was distributed to the Board. The document includes budget information as well as legislative information. The governor has signed a budget that restores funding for CCAR and increases CCARD funding to \$1 million.

OLD BUSINESS
Budget Update

Legislative Update:

Ken explained the legislative bills being tracked that may potentially impact the State Library's programs. Judge Lavery asked about Raised H.B. No. 6600, which deals with the reduction of state agency paper and duplicative procedures. Ken stated that he and John Barry were on the task force that made the recommendations that appear in the bill. It was decided that some documents will be reduced in the number that will be printed. Some documents will become electronic. If this bill is passed it would require the State Librarian to set up a committee to look into the authenticity and preservation of electronic documents.

Legislative Update

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Extension for the Hartford Public Library's Dwight/Parkville Branch Library's State Public Library Construction Grant for an Addition and Renovation Project: It was immediately MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S DWIGHT/PARKVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO INITIATE ITS PROJECT FOR THE \$500,000 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO JULY 27, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of
Construction Grant
Extension

Motion

There was some discussion before the Board voted on the motion. John Barry questioned whether extensions of public library grants hold up other libraries who are ready to go forward with construction from receiving a grant. Mary Louise Jensen responded that, with the current budget, it does not appear that the Office of Policy and Management will change grants already approved for new requests. John thanked all the public library representatives at the meeting seeking a grant extension for their continuing efforts to raise their local funds. The Motion was PASSED unanimously.

Approval of Extension for the Madison's E.C. Scranton Memorial Library's State Public Library Construction Grant for an addition and renovation project: It was immediately MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES E.C. SCRANTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO INITIATE ITS PROJECT FOR THE \$500,000 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO JULY 27, 2012. Edwin Mallory from the Scranton Memorial Library gave some history on the efforts to raise their local funding. Their referendum was defeated by a narrow margin in November of 2008. E.C. Scranton's Library Board of Trustees and Madison officials are supporting plans for another referendum as soon as possible. The Motion was PASSED unanimously.

Approval of
Construction Grant
Extension

Motion

Approval of Extension for the Brooklyn Town Library Association's State Public Library Construction Grant: Jeffrey Ott of the Brooklyn Town Library Association gave some history on the continued efforts to secure funding and also finalize construction arrangements. It was immediately MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES BROOKLYN TOWN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO INITIATE ITS PROJECT FOR THE \$1,000,000 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO AUGUST 27, 2012. PASSED unanimously.

Approval of
Construction Grant
Extension

Motion

Approval of Extension for the Bethel Public Library's State Public Library Construction for a Renovation Project: It was immediately MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO INITIATE ITS PROJECT FOR THE \$898,432 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO AUGUST 27, 2012. PASSED unanimously.

Approval of
Construction Grant
Extension

Motion

Approval of Library Services and Technology Act Grants: It was immediately MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE ALLOCATION OF \$117,611 IN LSTA FUNDS FOR THE GRANTS AS SPECIFIED IN THE ATTACHED DETAILED BREAKDOWN. Sharon Brettschneider reported that every year the State Library conducts a competitive grant program using federal Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Douglas Lord, LSTA Coordinator, manages the grant program. Grant categories were approved by the Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD) and met the goals required in the Connecticut LSTA Five Year Plan. Awarded grants run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. In March and April, the Division of Library Development (DLD) staff reviewed and numerically scored fourteen grant applications requesting a total of \$229,089. Nine grants totaling \$117,611 are being recommended to the State Library Board for funding. It was MOVED (W. Lavery), seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE ALLOCATION OF \$117,611 IN LSTA FUNDS FOR THE GRANTS AS FOLLOWS: COLLABORATIONS TO SUPPORT LITERACY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS - Canterbury Public Library (18,964), PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS IN POVERTY - No Applications Received, SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES - No Applications Received; PROGRAMS FOR MULTILINGUAL POPULATIONS - Hartford Public Library (\$25,876), Milford Public Library (\$10,400), PROGRAMS FOR OLDER ADULTS Pomfret Public Library (\$5,286), Hartford Public Library (\$25,850), Booth & Dimock Memorial Library in Coventry(\$12,738), Ferguson Library in Stamford (\$30,037), Hall Memorial Library in Ellington (23,938), PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG ADULTS - New Haven Free Public Library (\$35,000), Henry Carter Hull Library in Clinton (\$35,000), COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT- West Hartford Public Library (\$1,500) Hartford Public Library (\$1,500), Granby Public Library (\$1,500), New Haven Free Public Library (1,500). The Motion was PASSED unanimously.

Approval of LSTA
Grants

Motion

Resolution for Mary Louise Jensen: Sharon Brettschneider, Director of Library Development, read the entire Resolution honoring Mary Louise Jensen's retirement aloud. It was immediately MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT ON THIS 23rd DAY OF MAY 2011, THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY BOARD HEREBY UNANIMOUSLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES MARY LOUISE JENSEN'S 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY, EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION FOR HER LOYALTY AND LONGEVITY, AND EXTENDS ITS SINCERE WISHES FOR MANY FULFILLING, PLEASURABLE, AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT YEARS. PASSED

Resolution

Motion

unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Judge Lavery MOVED that THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY BOARD EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO JUDGE FRANCIS HENNESSY WHO HAS BEEN STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS. The MOTION was PASSED unanimously.

Joy Hostage shared some Civil War era photos of her grandfather and provided a little background on him.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2011, at 1:15 p.m. at the Van Block Facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

OTHER BUSINESS

Best Wishes for
Judge Hennessy
Motion