

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

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Members present: Bob Harris, Mollie Keller, Allen Hoffman, Judge William Lavery, Joy Hostage, Daphne Deeds, Linda Anderson, Judge Francis Hennessy, John Barry, Scott Hughes

Members absent: Mark McQuillan, Eileen DeMayo

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Sharon Brettschneider, Mark Smith, Nancy Peluso, Mary Louise Jensen (State Library), Carl Nawrocki (FOCL), Jill Hughes (CLC), Deb Herman (CLA)

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

MINUTES

It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE September 27, 2010, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ken Wiggin stated the Board members should have received an invitation to the Reception on November 30 in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the State Library and Supreme Court Building. The State Library will have exhibits set up in different areas of the building and also tours of the State Library will be offered.

Ken Wiggin informed the Board members of the legislative management proposal to replace the transcription of legislative public hearings with electronic recording of legislative proceedings. The State Library feels that this could jeopardize the use of legislative hearings in determining legislative intent. Judge Lavery had concerns about Committee votes being transcribed. John Barry feels that the State Library has a great system in place and this would be a loss to Connecticut to have this proposal moves forward. John stated that he does not support this proposal. Ken Wiggin has concerns on how these electronic recording will be preserved. There was a MOTION (W. Lavery) seconded (J. Barry) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD OPPOSES STOPPING ANY HALTING OF TRANSCRIPTION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTIONS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND TRANSCRIBING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS ON LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS. PASSED unanimously.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Deb Herman reported that CLA is now reviewing their bylaws. CLA will vote on their revised bylaws at their January meeting. Other highlights are that CLA is working to put a program together for the CLA Conference and will have Connecticut writer and commentator Frank Deford, as a featured speaker. CLA is also working on a new strategic plan and will be looking at objectives at their January meeting.

MINUTES
Motion

PUBLIC COMMENT

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

OTHER REPORTS
CLA

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Sharon Brettschneider reported that at ACLPD's last meeting in October the main agenda item was the recommendations for LSTA Grant categories for FY 2010-11. All the recommended grant categories reflect the goals in the Division of Library Developments LSTA Five Year Plan. LSTA Coordinator Douglas Lord will hold grant workshops around the state that will be required for libraries wishing to submit a grant application.

ACLPD

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): Jill Hughes reported that CLC is working on their Strategic Plan. Membership renewals were just completed and only one library chose not to renew. CLC has been negotiating with vendors to ensure that they have the best price, of all libraries, for goods and services. CLC is applying for the Laura Bush 21st Century Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

CLC

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Suzanne Lee thanked Sharon Brettschneider for her work especially this past year as the President of ACLB stepped down from his position. A new slate of officers will be voted on in January 2011. The ACLB membership letter is going out soon. ACLB has decided to change the start and end months of the fiscal year. The fiscal year will now run from December to January.

ACLB

Friends: Carl Nawrocki reported that on Saturday November 6, 2010, The Friends of Connecticut Libraries held their annual conference. Over 90 people attended from 43 different Friends groups. Carl thanked Sharon Clapp of the State Library for her presentation at the annual conference on the topic of social media. The Friends will have a presence at the upcoming CT Library Association Annual Conference. Sharon Brettschneider thanked the Friends for the financial support and attendance to the CT Book Festival.

FRIENDS

OLD BUSINESS

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Budget Update: Ken Wiggin reported that Governor Rell gave Governor-elect Malloy a transition budget. Also, at the request of the governor, the State Library submitted a transition report which included an outline of the agencies challenges and also a great deal of budget information. Ken also had the opportunity to introduce himself to Governor-elect Malloy at a recent reception in Stamford. The Bond Commission is scheduled to meet soon. The State Library submitted public library construction grants for consideration. The Dept. of Public Works submitted a request for \$4 million for restoration of the Lafayette Street building. Compact shelving is being installed at the Van Block facility to accommodate the large intake of Probate Court records. Working through the Dept. of Public Works, the lease for the Willimantic Service Center has been renewed.

Budget Update

Legislative Update:

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Ken is working with a small group of museum folks to develop legislation regarding abandoned property in museums and libraries. Many states have legislation which prescribes a process whereby museums and libraries can get clear title to items in their possession that were loaned or but never been picked up, etc. While not a big problem, it does exist and there is no current law that adequately addresses the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Fiscal Year 2010-2011 State Public Library Construction Grant

Recommendation: Sharon Brettschneider explained that there is no bonding allocation for FY10 but there is \$632,657 in carryover funds from previous years for public libraries in distressed municipalities. The Hartford Public Library needs a grant to assist with remodeling their multipurpose space. It was immediately MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES A \$153,333 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT FOR HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY. PASSED unanimously .

Approval of Raising Land Recording Fee: The legislation effective July 1, 2000 set up an "historic documents preservation account" preservation and management of historic documents. This legislation charges \$3 in addition to the regular cost of land records, including deeds and mortgages. This fee has not been raised since the legislation was enacted. The number of filings has declined which means smaller grants are available to municipalities and also less funding to the State Library for preservation and digitization of historic documents. Raising the \$3 fee to \$6 would alleviate the funding shortage of grants to municipalities and also bring significant funding for the State Library. Ken Wiggin feels that in an effort to keep this program alive, the fee increase is modest. It was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD SUPPORTS INCREASING THE FILING FEE, FROM \$3.00 TO \$6.00, AS ESTABLISHED BY PUBLIC ACT 00-146 AND INSTRUCTS THE STATE LIBRARIAN TO PURSUE LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE FEE INCREASE. PASSED with one NO vote (W. Lavery).

Approval of the State Library Board Meeting Calendar for 2011: There was discussion on the proposed 2010 meeting schedule. It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 2011: JANUARY 24, MARCH 28, MAY 23, JULY 25, SEPTEMBER 26, and NOVEMBER 28. PASSED unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Joy Hostage asked about the Third Thursday programs. Ken Wiggin stated that it is a new program where there is a presentation given in Memorial Hall from 12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. The next one is scheduled for Thursday, October 21. The presentation is called "*Death by Witchcraft: Witch Trials and Medicine in 17th Century Connecticut*" and will be presented by historical consultant, Robert Laughlin. Ken will send the Board members a schedule of the programs once they are finalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2011, at 1:15 p.m. at the Van Block Facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Grant Extension

Motion

Approval of Land Recording Fee

2011 Meeting Calendar Motion

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