

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
July 27, 2009

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Members present: Bob Harris, Eileen DeMayo, Mollie Keller, Scott Hughes, Allen Hoffman, Judge Francis Hennessy, Linda Anderson

Members absent: Joy Hostage, Daphne Deeds, John Barry, Judge William Lavery

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Mary Louise Jensen (State Library), Chris Bradley (CLC), Robert Hill (North Branford Library), Lynn Rosato (Bethel Public Library), Shani Burke Specht (Bethel Public Library), Suzanne Lee (ACLB), Carl Nawrocki (FOCL).

MINUTES

It was MOVED (F. Hennessy) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE May 26, 2009, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

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Ken Wiggin explained that two of the Fact Sheets in the Board's packet were mis-numbered. Both the Bethel Public Library and the North Branford Public Library are on the agenda for approval of grant extension requests.

Ken Wiggin pointed out that the Board packet also included a letter from Barbara Westwater resigning from the State Library Board due to her retirement. Contact with the Commissioner of Education will be made to request an appointment of a new designee. The Board requested a letter be sent to Barbara thanking her for her service on the Board.

One update to the State Librarian's Report is that in the last legislative session legislation was passed calling for the consolidation of the probate courts. The question of what will happen to the probate records in courts that will be closed has arisen. Archives and Public Records have set up an in-house committee that is meeting to look into this and they have been meeting with the Probate Court Administrator.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Chris Bradley distributed a state budget update from CLA's lobbyist, Bob Shea. The document includes a list of key budget negotiators, including the Governor, Lt. Governor and OPM Secretary, to give to patrons and board members to encourage them to ask for help with support for library programs.

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): No report at this time.

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

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Suzanne Lee reported that ACLB's President Stan Seigel has been holding monthly board meetings. ACLB recently sent out their yearly dues notices to all libraries. ACLB has decided to set up a listserv for the membership. The ACLB board has 3 new ACLB members bringing the total membership to ten. The 3 new members are Les Kozerowitz, Carole Straud and Betsy McIlvaine. The ACLB Leadership Conference is scheduled for October 16 and will again be held at the Water's Edge Resort.

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Carl Nawrocki reported that sixty people

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attended the Friends Annual Meeting. Author James Benn was the key note speaker. The Friends will be presenting at the ACLB Leadership Conference in October. The Friends have scheduled workshops on November 14 at the Middlesex College.

Museum Advisory Committee (MAC): No report at this time.

MAC

NEW BUSINESS

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Grant Extensions
Motion

Approval of Grant Extensions: It was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (A. Hoffman) TO HANDLE BOTH GRANT EXTENSION REQUESTS AT THE SAME TIME. PASSED unanimously.

Board Chair Mollie Keller invited any comments or reports from library officials requesting extensions. Mary Louise Jensen introduced Lynne Rosato and Shani Burke Specht of the Bethel Public Library. They reported that Bethel is still fund raising. Fund raising efforts include trying to get grants including federal grants and hosting a gala in November which will include a silent auction. If this request for a grant extension is approved a follow up mailing to a flyer sent out earlier encouraging donations will be sent to the Bethel community.

Mary Louise Jensen introduced Robert Hill of the North Branford Library who stated that funding is in place for the project but additional time is being requested to get signatures to finalize the grant contract between the State Library and the Town of Branford.

The Motion to approve both grant extensions was PASSED unanimously.

Approval of Recognition of Retiring Employees: Ken Wiggin reported that 16 State Library employees retired from the State Library as part of the Governor's Retirement Incentive Program. A reception was held for the retirees in Memorial Hall on June 18th and certificates of appreciation were presented to each retiree at that time on behalf of the Board. The State Library Board customarily presents retirees with a Resolution. Because the names of all the retirees were not known it was not possible for the Board to do this at their May meeting. It was MOVED (A. Hoffman) seconded (F. Hennessy) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY APPROVES RESOLUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGING EUNICE DIBELLA, CHERYL FOX, HILARY FRYE, KRIS GOLDEN, DENISE JERNIGAN, RICH KINGSTON, MARCIA MATIKA, SHEILA MOSMAN, LYNNE NEWELL, LOLA PROULX, DICK ROBERTS, CHERYL SCHUTT, JULIE SCHWARTZ, BRUCE STARK, DON WYNNE, AND CLAIRE YOUNG, FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY AND EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION FOR THEIR LOYALTY AND LONGEVITY, AND EXTENDS ITS SINCERE WISHES FOR MANY FULFILLING, PLEASURABLE, AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT YEARS AS THEY LEAVE STATE SERVICE. PASSED unanimously.

Recognition of
Retiring Employees

Motion

Approval of New Mission Statement: Ken Wiggin stated that the current Mission Statement for the State Library was approved by the State Library Board on July 26, 1990. Mr. Wiggin is recommending a new mission statement in order to facilitate the reorganization of the State Library. The new recommended Mission Statement is: THE MISSION OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY IS TO PRESERVE AND MAKE ACCESSIBLE CONNECTICUT'S HISTORY AND HERITAGE AND TO ADVANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES STATEWIDE. It was MOVED (F. Hennessy) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE MISSION STATEMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE LIBRARIAN. PASSED unanimously.

Mission Statement

Motion

Election of Officers: Mollie Keller gave Kendall Wiggin the temporary role of Chairman of the State Library Board for the Election of Officers. Kendall Wiggin asked Frank Hennessy for a report of the Nominations Committee. Frank Hennessy reported that he and Joy Hostage serve as the State Library Board's Nominations Committee. A letter

Election of Officers

was sent to the Board members seeking nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the State Library Board. No nominations were brought forward and the current Chair and Vice Chair have expressed an interest in continuing for another term. It was VOTED unanimously THAT MOLLIE KELLER BE RE-ELECTED CHAIR AND BOB HARRIS BE RE-ELECTED AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD FOR ANOTHER TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 2010.

Motion

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update: Ken Wiggin gave a power point presentation on the reorganization plans of the State Library. The power point included organizational goals, organizational philosophy, organizational structure, committees and transitions.

Budget Update

Mr. Wiggin reported on a discussion with Ancestry.com regarding a large digitization project of our collections. Ancestry.com would do this at no charge. Many details need to be worked out, but the goal is to greatly expand the amount of State Library historical material available online.

Ken Wiggin reported that he is stepping back from many of his national activities to focus on the operation and transformation of the State Library. For example he did not attend the Annual Conference of the American Library Association which he normally attends at his own expense. He also commended Human Resources Officer Louise Carey on her diligence on many issues including the retirement process for the 16 employees who left by July 1st. Since significant space has been freed up with the retirement of these 16 employees, Ken Wiggin would like to move the business office back to 231 Capitol Avenue. A space inventory will be done shortly.

Legislative Update: Mr. Wiggin reported that the legislature did include in a piece of unrelated legislation authority to begin forming the Real Property Electronic Recording Advisory Committee. The original legislation had an effective date of October 2009 which has held back progress on getting the regulations and standards for electronic land recording done.

Legislative Update

At 2:21 p.m., it was MOVED (F. Hennessy) seconded (B. Harris) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2009, at 1:15 p.m. at the Van Block Facility.

Motion

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder