

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
May 23, 2007

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Members present: Mollie Keller, Bob Harris, Joy Hostage, Mary Etter, Barbara Westwater, Allen Hoffman,  
  
Members absent: Daphne Deeds, Jackie Hemond, John Barry, Judge Francis Hennessy, Judge William Lavery  
  
Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Sharon Brettschneider, Lynne Newell, Rich Kingston, Mary Louise Jensen, Bonnie Delaney (State Library), Scott Hughes (Bridgeport Library), Ted Mallory (Scranton Library), Suzanne Lee (ACLB), Barbara Bailey (CLA) Chris Bradley (CLC) Ellen Gambini (Hagaman Library) Joanne Nesti (CT Heritage Foundation), Barbara Hollander (Sherman Library), Ted Hollander (Sherman Library)  
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Chairperson Mollie Keller called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

**MINUTES**

It was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE March 26, 2007, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

Mollie Keller informed the Board members that Judge Hennessy has recently been ill and that flowers were sent to him on behalf of the Board members. Mollie did not have any more details except to say that Judge Hennessy's sense of humor was still evident as he thanked the Board for sending him a card with the large check enclosed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

In addition to his written State Librarian's Report, Mr. Wiggin stated that the church adjacent to the State Library is for sale. The law prohibits state employees from talking with the realtors directly. Mr. Wiggin spoke with the Commissioner of the Dept. of Public Works (DPW) and also the Governor's office expressing an interest in the building. Mr. Wiggin toured the building last week with the Commissioner of DPW and several staff from the Judicial Department. The state has sent a letter of interest to the building's owner. Mr. Wiggin has been informed that a church has already made a deposit on the building but that the decision on who can buy the building rests with the majority vote of a 19 member congregation. DPW engineers have already gone through the building to estimate costs on things such as updating ADA and environmental concerns. Mr. Wiggin circulated interior photos of the 18,400 square foot building among the Board members. Mr. Wiggin will keep the Board members apprised of this situation.

Mr. Wiggin informed the Board members that Bob Harris is temporarily working with the Office of Fiscal Analysis through the legislative session.

Mr. Wiggin met with the Department of Education's new agency head, Commissioner Mark McQuillan specifically to discuss the Commission on Educational Technology and his future participation on the Commission. Mr. Wiggin hopes to have additional meetings with him to discuss library issues.

**OTHER REPORTS**

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Barbara Bailey, President of CLA, reported that the CLA Annual Conference that took place April 16-18 was a success with 740 attendees. The CLA Legislative Committee is monitoring the session and to date, the appropriations that were recommended are still in place.

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Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Sharon Brettschneider reported that ACLPD met in April and concentrated on the LSTA 5 Year Plan. An evaluation of the plan was done and sent to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for approval. A subcommittee of ACLPD is already in the process of preparing the next 5 Year Plan for 2007-2012 which will be submitted by June 30, 2007. The draft 5 Year Plan is up on the Webjunction website. There is also a blog for input from the library community.

ACLPD

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): Ms. Bradley distributed the 2007 CLC Museum Pass List to the Board members. This brochure lists Connecticut and neighboring state museums, historic sites, and attractions that offer library passes. Ms. Bradley also reported that the infoAnytime program held a May Madness Challenge where libraries who qualified to participate competed in who had the most infoAnytime sessions completed in the duration of the specific rounds.

CLC

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Suzanne Lee reported for ACLB. Ms. Lee reported that ACLB has entered into a period of recovery. ACLB had a successful program at the CLA Conference. Ms. Lee reported that Stan Segal from Norwalk is a new Director on ACLB. ACLB is planning its Leadership Conference for October 12, 2007. It will be held at the Water's Edge Resort in Westbrook. It is also planning a Trustees Boot Camp which will be a one day event for Library Directors and Trustees.

ACLB

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Sharon Brettschneider reported The Friends will have their Annual Meeting on June 9, from 9:30a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Southbury Public Library. Author Roya Hakakian will be the Featured Speaker.

FOCL

Connecticut Heritage Foundation (CHF): Mr. Wiggin reported that the Foundation met recently and discussed organizing a visit to the Museum of Connecticut History for key legislators. The meeting was also used to follow up on the last CHF meeting which was facilitated. The Board is concentrating on smaller steps towards getting larger goals accomplished. Mr. Wiggin introduced Joanne Nesti, the newest CHF Board member.

CHF

Museum Advisory Committee: Ken Wiggin reported that Museum Advisory Committee met last week and he will be talking more about it later in the meeting.

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

Budget Update: Mr. Wiggin reported that so far recommended funding is still in place. There is \$150,000 added to the State Library's budget over a 2 year period for a WPA Art inventory project. The funding is currently marked for the Museum. The Museum staff doesn't feel it is appropriate to have the funding in their account. The Museum Advisory Committee supports this thinking and at their last meeting passed a motion to that affect. Mr. Wiggin spoke with the State Archivist and he feels it could be a State Archives project. With the Board's permission, Ken would like to write to Representative McCluskey requesting that the funding go to the State Library instead of the Museum. After some discussion it was decided that Mr. Wiggin will follow up on this and report back to the Board.

Budget Update

Legislative Update: Mr. Wiggin reported that HB 7290 has been in and out of three committees and now sits on the House calendar waiting for action. The bill has three major pieces to it: clarifying the State Librarian's signing authority, further amplification of confidentiality statutes and also state and municipal publications and 'born digital' documents.

Legislative Update

Mr. Wiggin also reported that he has communicated with the Governor's office that the State Library is interested in the Old State House. There are a lot of ideas for use of the Old State House being considered but the State Library's immediate concern is keeping

track of the George Washington portrait that is on loan there. Its safety and care is a concern especially if the Old State House closes or becomes a more public building in the future. Mr. Wiggin added that the Old State House is not a solution to museum or library space needs.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of State Public Library Construction Grant for the Hagan Memorial Library (East Haven): Mary Louise Jensen introduced Ellen Gambini, Director of the Hagan Memorial Library. Ms. Gambini stated that there have been delays with the town engineer having an abundance of projects causing some hold ups with this building project. The town has a commitment to this project so an extension is being requested. It was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES HAGAMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO INITIATE ITS PROJECT FOR THE \$23,132 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO JULY 27, 2008. PASSED unanimously.

Approval of State Public Library Construction Grant for the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library (Madison): Mary Louise Jensen introduced Ted Mallory, Board of Trustees President for the E.C. Scranton Memorial Library. Mr. Mallory stated that the major part of the project's funding will have to go to a referendum in the Fall 2007. This project is also on the agenda of a special meeting of the Board of Selectman and Finance on June 13, 2007. Because the local funding will not be in place in time for the initiation date of the grant, an extension is requested. It was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (B. Westwater) 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, 2008. PASSED with one abstention (M. Keller).

Approval of State Public Library Construction Grant for the Sherman Library: Mary Louise Jensen introduced Barbara Hollander, Trustee of the Sherman Library. Ms. Hollander reported that the library project has been moved to a separate referendum and also needs additional time to acquire local funding and complete their final drawings. Mary Louise Jensen added that the Sherman Library's project has scaled back on its square footage but still meets all the building requirements. It was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE SHERMAN LIBRARY'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO INITIATE ITS PROJECT FOR THE \$500,000 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO AUGUST 4, 2008. THIS IS THE LAST EXTENSION REQUEST WITHOUT LOCAL FUNDING SECURED. PASSED unanimously.

Approval of State Public Library Construction Grant for the Kent Memorial Library (Suffield): There was no representative from the Kent Memorial Library. Mary Louise Jensen stated that the town of Suffield has decided to knock down the current library and rebuild on the same location. After analyzing the matter it was decided that it would be impossible to make the existing building handicap accessible. Suffield is working on acquiring their local funding and will go to referendum next year. It was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO INITIATE ITS PROJECT FOR THE \$500,000 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO JULY 27, 2008. PASSED unanimously.

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants: Sharon Brettschneider explained that the State Library conducts a competitive grant program using federal funds. The Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development approved the grant categories that help the State Library meet the goals of the LSTA Five Year Plan. A total of \$100,000 in FY07 funds and \$20,276 in FY 08 funds are being made available for the LSTA competitive grant program. The categories for which applications for grants were sought are Collaborations to Support Literacy for Children and Young Adults, Programs

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LSTA Grants

for Children and Young Adults in Poverty, Services to People with Disabilities, Programs for Multilingual Populations, Programs for Older Adults, Long Range Planning. The deadline for submitting grant applications was March 2, 2007. Teams of three State Library staff members reviewed nineteen grant applications in accordance with criteria established by the LSTA Five Year Plan. Nine grants totaling \$120,276 are being recommended to the Board. It was MOVED (A. Hoffman), seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE ALLOCATION OF \$120,276 IN LSTA FUNDS FOR THE GRANTS AS FOLLOWS: **COLLABORATIONS TO SUPPORT LITERACY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS** Canterbury Public Library (\$18,413), Jonathan Trumbull Library (Lebanon) (\$21,137) **SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES** New Canaan Library (\$13,660) **PROGRAMS FOR OLDER ADULTS** Hartford Public Library (\$14,000) **PROGRAMS FOR MULTILINGUAL POPULATIONS** Hartford Public Library (\$23,066) **LONG RANGE PLANNING** Beacon Falls Public Library (\$10,000), Fairfield Public Library (\$10,000), Plumb Memorial Library (Shelton) (\$10,000). PASSED unanimously.

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Resolution for David Ohanesian: Lynne Newell, who is currently David's supervisor, stated that David has done an amazing amount of work on the digital collections (with the exception of the aerial collections) and his hard work and dedication will be missed. Sharon Brettschneider, who was David's supervisor in the past, stated that he has been a great employee for many years and her division will miss him as well. It was MOVED (A. Hoffman) seconded (M. Etter) THAT ON THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MAY 2007, THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY BOARD HEREBY UNANIMOUSLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES DAVID OHANESIAN'S YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY, EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION FOR HIS LOYALTY AND LONGEVITY, AND EXTENDS ITS SINCERE WISH FOR MANY FULFILLING, PLEASURABLE, AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT YEARS. PASSED unanimously.

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Resolution for Judge Joseph P. Flynn: It was immediately MOVED (A. Hoffman) seconded (M. Etter) THAT ON THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2007, THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD UNANIMOUSLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY EXTEND THEIR HEARTFELT THANKS AND DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO JUDGE FLYNN FOR HIS DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY AND THEIR APPRECIATION FOR HIS EFFORTS TO PRESERVE AND ENHANCE LIBRARY COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF CONNECTICUT. PASSED unanimously.

Resolution

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

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Ken Wiggin stated that the State Library will be participating in Connecticut's Open House Day on Saturday, June 9. This is a state-wide opportunity for Connecticut attractions to showcase their property. Connecticut Open House Day is coordinated by the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism.

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At 2:08 p.m., it was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (J. Hostage) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2007, at 1:15 p.m. (lunch at 12:30 p.m.) at the Van Block Facility.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

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Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

