

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
May 27, 2008

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

Members absent: none

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Sharon Brettschneider, Lynne Newell, Mary Louise Jensen, Joanne Turschman (State Library), Anita Wilson (Friends), James McShane, Robert White (Kent Memorial Library, Suffield), Edwin C. Mallory (Scranton Library, Madison), Ellen Gambini (Hagaman Library, East Haven)

Chairperson Mollie Keller called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Ms. Keller thanked Shirley Thorson, Director of the Southbury Public Library, for allowing the Board to meet in the library. The Southbury Public Library is a newly constructed building and was also a recipient of a construction grant award. Ms. Thorson welcomed the Board and told them about the library's new construction process, from finding the land to build on, to the Open House.

MINUTES

It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2008, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED with one abstention (F. Hennessy).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ken Wiggin asked Sharon Brettschneider to explain the Connecticut card payments 07-08 document that was included in the State Library Board's packet.

Ken Wiggin invited any questions about his written report. Bob Harris congratulated Ken on Chairing the Coltsville Park Steering Committee for the content and stakeholders. The Steering Committee will be hiring a consultant to study the historic experiences at the Coltsville Park to help determine whether it should have National Park status.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): No report at this time

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

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Sharon Brettschneider reported that ACLPD met in April and had a presentation on the Connecticut Program by Joanne Turschman. ACLPD is meeting again in June. ACLPD is seeking new members. Everyone was encouraged to contact Ms. Brettschneider if they have any suggestions to fill these positions.

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Sharon Brettschneider reported that ACLB is working on revising the Trustees Handbook so that it can be available electronically. ACLB is planning their Annual Conference which is scheduled for October 31, 2008, and will be held at the Water's Edge in Westbrook.

MINUTES

Motion

PUBLIC COMMENT

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OTHER REPORTS

CLA

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ACLB

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Anita Wilson reported that the Friends will hold their Annual Meeting on June 14, 2008, at the Plainville Public Library. Wendell Minor, Artist, Illustrator and Author will be the featured speaker. A copy of the Annual Meeting announcement was included in the Board packets.

FOCL

Connecticut Heritage Foundation (CHF): Ken Wiggin reported that he and Art Mulligan, Chairman of CHF, attended the Annual Luncheon of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy. This was a great networking opportunity. Ken Wiggin will have more to report after the CHF's next meeting.

CHF

Museum Advisory Committee: Daphne Deeds stated that MAC needs to regroup and get a meeting scheduled soon. Ken Wiggin stated that the Governor has recently made a couple of new appointments to the Museum Advisory Committee. Ken Wiggin will speak with Dean Nelson about scheduling the next meeting.

MAC

OLD BUSINESS

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Budget Update: Mr. Wiggin stated that the legislature did not change the State Library's budget and is operating with the same biennium budget. Last Friday the Governor initiated a hiring freeze across all funding sources including both Federal and State funds. State agencies received a couple of letters from the Governor urging spending reductions for the balance of the current fiscal year. The Governor has also asked agencies to reduce their gas consumption by 10% this year and by 25% next year. Sharon Brettschneider will be working with the Supervisor of the CCAR program to look into ways to conserve fuel. Ken Wiggin will look into holding a virtual State Library Board meeting in the future as a means of saving gas.

Budget Update

Legislative Update: Mr. Wiggin reported that two bills affecting the State Library were passed in this legislative session. AN ACT ADOPTING THE UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY ELECTRONIC RECORDING ACT (Public Act 08-56) calls on the State Library to establish regulations for the implementation of electronic land recording in Connecticut. AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADULT LITERACY BOARD (Public Act 08-163) requires the Office of Workforce Competitiveness to establish the Adult Literacy Leadership Board as a standing committee of the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission to review and advise the commission on workforce investment and adult literacy programs and services. A representative of the library community will be one of 7 voting members and the State Librarian will be one of 10 ex-officio non-voting members. Neither of the internet child protection bills passed. Board member John Barry thanked Ken Wiggin for his work at the legislature. Mr. Barry feels it would be a good idea to look into funding for the State Library to have a Legislative Liaison. It could take years to establish the position but in the long run it would be cost effective. Mr. Barry stated that it is important to get the message to the Executive Branch that libraries are a "place to go". The economy is reducing vacations and more people are going to libraries, but yet the library funding is getting cut. Ken Wiggin stated that he is looking into the possibility of securing a staff attorney position. This attorney could also have legislative liaison responsibilities.

Legislative Update

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Resolution for Joanne Turschman: Sharon Brettschneider, Director of Library Development, read the entire Resolution honoring Joanne Turschman's retirement aloud. It was immediately MOVED (J. Hostage) seconded (B. Harris) THAT ON THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY 2008, THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY BOARD HEREBY UNANIMOUSLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES JOANNE TURSCHMAN'S YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY, EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION FOR HER LOYALTY AND LONGEVITY, AND EXTENDS ITS SINCERE WISH FOR MANY FULFILLING, PLEASURABLE, AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT YEARS. PASSED unanimously. The Board expressed their appreciation for all of Joanne's work. Ken Wiggin and Sharon Brettschneider also expressed their thanks and good wishes to Ms. Turschman

Resolution

Motion

Resolution for Beth Barrett: Ken Wiggin read the entire Resolution honoring Beth Barrett's retirement aloud. It was immediately MOVED (A. Hoffman) seconded (B. Harris) THAT ON THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY, 2008, THE CONNECICUT STATE LIBRARY BOARD HEREBY UNANIMOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGES ELIZABETH BARRETT'S YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO BOTH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND TO THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY AND EXPRESSES ITS SINCERE WISH TO BETH FOR MANY FULFILLING, PLEASURABLE, AND HEALTHY RETIREMENT YEARS. PASSED unanimously.

Resolution

Motion

Grant Extension for the Hagan Memorial Library (East Haven): Mary Louise Jensen introduced Ellen Gambini of the Hagan Memorial Library. Ms. Gambini reported that the project is getting reconfigured because the original bid came in too high. The project's goal of improving the circulation area will still be met. It was MOVED (W. Lavery) 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, 2009. PASSED unanimously.

Grant Extension

Motion

Grant Extension for the Hartford Public Library's Parkville Community Branch: It was immediately MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S PARKVILLE COMMUNITY BRANCH'S EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO INITIATE ITS PROJECT FOR THE \$500,000 STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT TO JULY 27, 2009. PASSED unanimously.

Grant Extension

Motion

There was a Motion (W. Lavery) seconded (S. Hughes) TO APPROVE THE OTHER TWO GRANT EXTENSION REQUESTS AS PRESENTED IN THE BOARD'S PACKET. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

The two motions for the grant extension approvals read as follows:
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, 2009

Motion

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, 2009.

Motion

Library Services and Technology Act 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 was potentially 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 for Children and Young Adults in Poverty, Services to People with Disabilities, Programs for Multilingual Populations, Programs for Older Adults, Programs for Young Adults, and a new category of grants offered this year-Community Needs Assessment. The deadline for submitting grant applications was March 7, 2008. Awarded grants will run from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Several mandatory grant training sessions were offered by the Division of Library Development for applicants. Teams of three State Library staff members reviewed fifteen grant applications in accordance with criteria established by the LSTA Five Year Plan. Eight grants totaling \$78,944 are being recommended to the Board. It was MOVED (W. Lavery), seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE ALLOCATION OF \$78,944 IN LSTA FUNDS FOR THE GRANTS AS FOLLOWS: COLLABORATIONS TO SUPPORT LITERACY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS Terryville Public Library (\$20,195) PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

LSTA Grants

Motion

IN POVERTY Hartford Public Library (\$12,250), PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG ADULTS Booth & Dimock Public Library (Coventry) (\$15,503), Willimantic Public Library (\$24,996), COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT Chester Public Library (\$1,500) Plainville Public Library (\$1,500), Wintonbury Branch of the Prosser Public Library (Bloomfield) (\$1,500), Tolland Public Library (\$1,500) PASSED with one abstention (S. Hughes).

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

At 2:08 p.m., it was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (A. Hoffman) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 28, 2008 at 1:15 p.m. (lunch at 12:30 p.m.) at the Van Block Facility

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

OTHER BUSINESS