

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
May 26, 2009

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

Members absent: Barbara Westwater, John Barry, Joy Hostage

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Sharon Brettschneider, Rich Kingston, Mary Louise Jensen, Lynne Newell (State Library), Ted Scheidel (Plymouth Public Library), Janet Benedict (Hartford Public Library), Jay Johnston (Farmington Public Library), Edwin C. Mallory (Madison, Scranton Library), Jeffrey Otto, (Brooklyn Town Library Association)

MINUTES

It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE March 23, 2009 MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED with one abstention (M. Keller).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Wiggin stated that today is the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for the State Library/Supreme Court building.

Ken Wiggin suggested that the agenda be changed so that New Business is handled before Other Reports. This would give those folks attending the meeting for the grant extensions the opportunity to be heard early in the meeting. It was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (W. Lavery) TO CHANGE THE AGENDA'S ORDER SO THAT NEW BUSINESS IS HANDLED BEFORE OTHER REPORTS. PASSED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Extensions: It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT ALL THE GRANT EXTENSION REQUESTS BE APPROVED AT THE SAME TIME AND AS PRESENTED IN THE FACT SHEETS ENCLOSED IN THE BOARD'S PACKETS. Mollie Keller asked if there were any representatives from these libraries that drove a long way and would like to be heard by the State Library Board. Ted Scheidel of Terryville Public Library stated that they accidentally omitted some documents necessary to submit to the State Library in order to correct a fire code violation. Starting construction on time may be an issue so they are requesting an extension.

Janet Benedict, Interim Director of the Hartford Public Library's Dwight/Parkville Branch, stated that their library has the design development phase complete and architects are in the process of securing a planning and zoning approval from the city of Hartford.

There were no other speakers. The motion was PASSED with one abstention (F. Hennessy).

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ken Wiggin stated that there are no additions to his written report.

OTHER REPORTS

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

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

MINUTES

Motion

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Extensions

Motion

State Librarian's Report

CLC

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Sharon Brettschneider reported that the ACLB Annual Leadership Conference will be held at the Water's Edge Resort on October 16, 2009. Appropriate funding issues are the focus of the Conference.

ACLB

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Sharon Brettschneider reported that the Friends will hold their annual meeting on June 13, 2009. Author and former librarian Jim Benn will be the guest speaker at the meeting.

FOCL

Connecticut Heritage Foundation (CHF): No report at this time.

CHF

Museum Advisory Committee (MAC): Ken Wiggin stated that the Museum Advisory Committee is polling its members to approve the purchase of some important Colt materials. More details on this will be available soon.

MAC

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Budget Update: Ken Wiggin stated that over this past weekend the legislature called for removing \$900,000 from the Historic Documents Preservation Fund and putting it in the General Fund. The State Library is now operating under four budget directives from the Governor's office. State Library staff was told to reduce spending on state purchase cards and employees with cards that have not been used recently were told to turn in their cards for cancelation. Another Governor's directive recently put in place is, when possible, cease printing and go to a paperless process. Also state fleet vehicles were reduced to being used only 3 days per week.

Budget Update

Ken Wiggin stated that the Governor's Retirement Incentive Plan will have a large impact on the State Library. The list of retirees to date already exceeds the Governor's retirement target. The Governor has asked that no reorganizing or refilling of positions be done at this time. There are plans being made to honor all retiring State Library employees at one reception. More details will be announced as the plans come together. It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION BE ISSUED TO THE RETIREES ON BEHALF OF THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

Legislative Update: Mr. Wiggin reported that the Connecticut Library Association's Legislative Committee decided that they were not going to make congressional visits in Washington, DC as part of the American Library Association's Legislative Day this year. Traveling at his own expense, Ken Wiggin made congressional visits by himself and felt the meetings were worthwhile. .

Legislative Update

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There was none.

At 2:01 p.m., it was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2009, at 1:15 p.m. at the Van Block Facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

