

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
September 21, 2009

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Members present: Bob Harris, Eileen DeMayo, Mollie Keller, Judge Francis Hennessy, Linda Anderson, Joy Hostage, John Barry, Judge William Lavery

Members absent: Scott Hughes, Daphne Deeds, Allen Hoffman,

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Sharon Brettschneider, Mary Louise Jensen (State Library), Chris Bradley (CLC), Chris Nolan (Ridgefield), Suzanne Lee (ACLB), Carl Nawrocki (FOCL), Jay Johnston (CLA).

MINUTES

It was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (F. Hennessy) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE July 27, 2009, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED with two abstentions (J. Barry, J. Hostage).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ken Wiggin showed the Board members a WPA Inventory project poster that the State Archives has produced to draw public attention to the project. The artwork and artists used to illustrate the poster were part of the WPA program. The posters are being distributed to public libraries and town offices. State Archivist Mark Jones is completing biographies on the Connecticut WPA artists. These will be added to the project website. The Mattatuck Museum of Art will have a WPA exhibit in the Fall of 2010.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Sharon Brettschneider reported that the CLA Annual Conference is still in its planning stages but location consideration is being given to the Mohegan Sun Conference Center. Due to budget constraints the CLA monthly journal will most likely be moved to an online version. Chris Brady stated that CLA lobbyist, Bobby Shea, played an important role in the restoration of library funding in this year's state budget. Board member John Barry stated that CLA does a nice job with informing the public on legislative matters. The press conferences held by CLA as part of their effort to restore library funding have been important in raising public awareness. Jay Johnston stated that although CLA has helped libraries tremendously, that because of the economy, its membership is very low. Mr. Johnston stated that everyone is able to be a CLA member and encouraged Board members to join. He also took the opportunity to invite Board members to the groundbreaking of the Barney Branch Library of the Farmington Library on September 29.

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

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): Chris Bradley stated that CLC is happy to be funded for another year. CLC has a new online service called "JobNow!" and it has been very successful. It is an online service where you can submit your resume and you will receive assistance with it. It is unfortunate that it is due to the large number of unemployed people that makes this program successful but at the same time it is a useful and necessary service.

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Suzanne Lee was sorry to report that the ACLB Leadership Conference is postponed until next year due to finances. She also reported that the ACLB membership is low at this time. The Table of Contents for the new edition of the ACLB Handbook was distributed to the Board members. The

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Handbook is a large project and should be available within the next three months. Any suggestions for the Handbook should be go to Stan Siegel, President of ACLB.

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Carl Nawrocki reported that the Friends sent thank you letters to legislators that supported funding for libraries. The membership committee is planning a used book sale. Carl received a letter saying that the Fairfield University Friends group is disbanding because of issues with the university's development office. FOCL is considering a workshop just for academic Friends groups.

FOCL

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

MAC

NEW BUSINESS

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Approval of Grant Extensions: It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT BOTH THE MIDDLEBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S GRANT EXTENSION REQUESTS BE APPROVED.

Grant Extensions
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Board Chair Mollie Keller invited any comments or reports from library officials requesting extensions. Mary Louise Jensen spoke for the Middlebury Public Library's extension request. Due to the current financial climate the library needs more time to secure local funding.

Chris Nolan, Director of the Ridgefield Public Library Association stated that the Ridgefield Library did not go to referendum in May of 2008 as planned. The recent economic situation has the Ridgefield Library rethinking their timeline. The project will not be started by the December 29, 2009 grant date.

The Motion to approve both grant extensions was PASSED unanimously.

All Staff Day: Ken Wiggin reported that for the past several years the State Library has held a staff development day for all State Library employees. This day serves as an opportunity for employees from all the outlying facilities to meet in one place and get together. The State Librarian addresses the staff and they also are given the opportunity to learn new developmental skills from different presenters. Positive feedback is received from staff every year. This year it will be done a little differently as the Library is closed on Mondays now and the day can be held here in our own State Library building. Mollie Keller stated that she and Bob Harris have attended many of these staff development days and they enjoy them very much. It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THAT THE STATE LIBRARIAN CLOSE ALL STATE LIBRARY FACILITIES ON A MONDAY THIS FALL FOR THE ANNUAL ALL STAFF DAY. PASSED unanimously

All Staff Day

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Budget Update: Ken Wiggin stated that the State library is still operating under Executive Order. We are waiting for instructions on how to submit the budget allocation document which sets the quarterly allocations for the year. Ken is budgeting with the expectation that a 5% rescission in the budget is a possibility before the year is out.

Budget Update

The State Library will remain closed on Mondays for an extended period of time. Accommodation has been made for Appellate Court clerks to access the library on Monday's and Ken has notified the Attorney General's office that they will still be allowed access to the Library on Monday's if needed. Due to the number of retirees some librarians are being cross trained in different areas in order to help with desk coverage.

Legislative Update: Mr. Wiggin reported that despite all of the fee increases in the new state budget, the land recording fee is still \$3. The legislature still needs to enact bills to implement the budget. Ken has recommended to the Office of Policy and Management that the state aid maintenance of effort requirement for the FY10 and FY11 fiscal years be waived for libraries that experience budget reductions and that this be done through a

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budget implementer bill.

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Sharon Brettschneider reported that Ken Wiggin is the recipient of the 2009 Emerson Greenway Award. This award is for distinguished service to the library community in New England. The Emerson Greenway Award will be presented to Ken at the Sunday night banquet at NELA's annual conference in Hartford, Connecticut on October 18, 2009. Everyone was invited to attend.

At 2:10 p.m., it was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (F. Hennessy) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2009, at 1:15 p.m. at the Van Block Facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

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