

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
January 22, 2018

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Members present: John N. Barry, Alison Clemens, Bob Harris, Judge Michael Sheldon, Mary Etter, Sandy Ruoff

Members absent: Allen Hoffman, Matt Poland, Dianna Wentzell, Jay Johnston, Justice Andrew McDonald

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Dawn La Valle, Carol Trinchitella, Robert Kinney, LeAnn Power, Lizette Pelletier, (State Library), Jessica Miller (Somers Public Library), Glenn Grube (CLA / Avon Free Public Library), Kate Byroade (CLA / Cragin Memorial Library, Colchester.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00p.m. by Chairman John Barry.

MINUTES

It was MOVED (M. Etter) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE November 27, 2017, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED with one abstention (S. Ruoff).

BOARD COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Harris took this opportunity to recommend the book *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ken stated it's almost time for board members to submit their financial filings to the Office of State Ethics. He informed the newer board members that their names will be added to a list of those needing to file. Ken welcomed any questions the board members may have about their filings.

Ken alerted the board that they will be seeing fences around the former church property next door to the State Library. Beginning in February, that site will be used to facilitate the expansion of the Capitol Area System (CAS) Heating and Cooling Loop. The church property will become a staging area for construction equipment and materials during that project. Staff who currently park on the church grounds will use the court lot on Russ Street. Everyone will be returned to their original parking assignments when the site is no longer needed for this project.

John offered a tour of the church building to any board member who would like to see it. It was decided that a tour will be planned around the May Board meeting.

Ken updated the Board on the Old State House. It is still open and it doesn't look like the legislature is interested in closing it. It is a concern because the George

MINUTES

Motion

**BOARD COMMENTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PUBLIC COMMENT

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Washington portrait, which is owned by the State Library, is on display there.

Dawn La Valle gave an update on the EXCITE program and specifically the success that the town of Branford has had from it. Dawn distributed a copy of Volume 2 of Branford's newly created booklet *Uncover Branford: your town, your people, your story*, which highlights the beauty and variety that Branford has to offer.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Glenn Grube, President of CLA, announced that the Annual CLA Conference will be held on April 23 -24, 2018, at the Danbury Crowne Plaza. Keynote speakers have been secured and they are in the process of finalizing other programs on the agenda. Vendor registration has also begun. The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness has reached out to CLA to see how they can work together. CLA hopes to be more involved with them in the future. Glenn stated that the CLA Legislative Committee stands ready to assist with BorrowIT matters as needed.

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

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

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Dawn La Valle reported that ACLB just launched their new website using Wild Apricot as their website host. This new website format will allow for online payments and event registrations. Dawn will be working with Gail Richmond to do more trainings around Connecticut.

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Dawn La Valle reported FOCL is planning their Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony to be held in June.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update: Ken stated that the federal government shutdown is not affecting the State Library. State Library employees that are funded through federal funds will continue to be paid and federally funded grants will continue because the money was already received.

BorrowIT - Ken stated that there will be funding for BorrowIT this year and next year as well. BorrowIT payments to libraries will occur as normally scheduled. Ken met with the eResources Task Force last week. He will cancel some databases and ask for assistance from academic institutions to pay for three of the databases. The basic EBSCO package will remain active. Ken stated that it's time to rethink the portfolio of databases that is offered through researchIT CT. Survey work is being done now to get a better handle on this matter.

Ken stated that the January Bond Commission meeting has been canceled. The State Library had submitted 3 Public Library Construction grants for Bond Commission action. We will resubmit the requests for the next meeting.

**OTHER
REPORTS
CLA**

ACLPD

CLC

ACLB

FOCL

**OLD BUSINESS
Budget Update**

The Fiscal Administrative Manager position was finally posted and 75 applications have been received. Human Resources is going through the applications to determine how many will actually be interviewed. Ken hopes to have the position filled by March.

Legislative Update: No report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Fiber to the Library Grants-in-Aid: This supplemental grant funding helps libraries with unanticipated expenses necessary to complete the circuits within their buildings and put the fiber into operation. It was immediately moved (B. Harris) seconded (S. Ruoff) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVE A SEVENTH ROUND OF GRANTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT.

\$2,249.25 to the Burlington Public Library
\$22,336.00 to the Canterbury Public Library

PASSED unanimously.

At 1:35 p.m., it was MOVED (S. Ruoff) seconded (B. Harris) TO ADJOURN. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the State Library's Reading Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

Legislative Update

NEW BUSINESS
Fiber to the Library
Grants-in-Aid

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