

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
January 14, 2019

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Members present: Mary Etter, Alison Clemens, Judge Michael Sheldon, John N. Barry, Allen Hoffman, Bob Harris, Dianna Wentzell, Diane Brown

Members absent: Justice Andrew McDonald, Sandy Ruoff,

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Dawn La Valle, Carol Trinchitella, Robert Kinney, Lizette Pelletier, Dean Nelson, Barbara Austen, Damon Munz, Allen Ramsey, Debra Pond, Gail Hurley, Jane Cullinane, Stephen Slovasky, Shaozhong Ma, Jenny Groome (State Library), Lisa Karim (CLA), Kate Byroade (CLA).

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Mary Etter.

MINUTES

It was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE November 26, 2018, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

MINUTES
Motion

BOARD COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Sheldon stated that he will be turning 70 soon and will become a Trial Referee and that this could disrupt his appointment to the State Library Board.

BOARD
COMMENTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ken informed the board members that interviews for the Fiscal Administrative Manager and Fiscal Administrative Assistant positions have been completed and he is planning to make a decision soon. The State Library is also recruiting for two Librarian II positions. One is in Law Reference and the other is in the Public Records office.

STATE
LIBRARIAN'S
REPORT

Ken invited everyone to see the portrait of Governor Malloy which is on display in Memorial Hall. Because of the portrait being larger than expected, it is requiring more shifting of other portraits before it can be hung.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Kate Byroade, President, reported that there are 70 program slots for the annual conference and that over 75 program proposals were received. Kate attended the US Census kickoff and is excited to work with the State Library on this project. The 2020 census is a key issue because it will be taken online. A lot of people struggle with technology so it's important for libraries to be at the planning table and be prepared to help individuals participate in the census.

OTHER REPORTS
CLA

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Dawn La Valle stated that the Resource Sharing Committee is having discussions on doing very detailed strategic work to be sustainable for 10-20 years down the

ACLPD

road. The committee is planning for different scenarios.

Dawn stated that the Best Practices Committee has a few pilot libraries engaging in how we will evaluate things going forward.

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

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Dawn La Valle reported that ACLB is working on this year's membership drive and Board Basics training.

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Dawn La Valle stated that the Friends are working on different vendor showcase venues in addition to their book sales for fundraising. The Friends are planning their annual meeting and are also looking into tax exemption status for sales of items like tote bags.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update: Ken stated that he has notified the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) that the building security change to Marshals has increased costs by 70%. He is hoping that OPM will provide some assistance. The State Library is getting support from the Department of Administrative Services for mold abatement of ceiling tiles and flooring which stemmed from the roof leaks at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, State Records Center and Middletown Library Service Center. All three roof replacement projects are now completed.

Mary Etter stated that it would be beneficial to get an update on deliverIT. Ken replied that Dawn will present an update at the next meeting.

Legislative Update: Ken distributed a FY2020-2021 Budget Initiatives document that he prepared for the Board members. The document lists and explains four budget initiatives, and the messaging behind each one. The State Library has been using capital equipment funds to offset the reductions in the Legal Legislative Library Material account, but it is not the best way to proceed. The State Library cannot sustain any more cuts and still maintain the required federal maintenance of effort. With the new administration and elections, new legislative connections need to be made. Ken is hoping to get an endorsement of his budget initiatives document from the State Library Board. Commissioner Wentzell feels it's important to initiate conversation so we don't miss opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution for Linda Williams: Mary Etter read Linda's resolution in its entirety. It was immediately MOVED (J. Barry) seconded (M. Sheldon) THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ON THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019, THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY BOARD HEREBY UNANIMOUSLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES LINDA WILLIAMS' 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY, EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION FOR HER LOYALTY AND LONGEVITY, AND EXTENDS ITS SINCERE WISHES FOR MANY FULFILLING AND PLEASURABLE RETIREMENT YEARS. PASSED unanimously.

Resolution for Jane Cullinane: Mary Etter read Jane's resolution in its entirety. It

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Resolution for Jane

was immediately MOVED (J. Barry) seconded (A. Hoffman) THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ON THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019, THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY BOARD HEREBY UNANIMOUSLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES JANE CULLINANE'S 27 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY, EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION FOR HER LOYALTY AND LONGEVITY, AND EXTENDS ITS SINCERE WISHES FOR MANY FULFILLING AND PLEASURABLE RETIREMENT YEARS. PASSED unanimously.

Cullinane

Motion

Resolution for Shaozhong Ma: Mary Etter read Shaozhong's resolution in its entirety. It was immediately MOVED (J. Barry) seconded (M. Sheldon) THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ON THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2019, THE CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY BOARD HEREBY UNANIMOUSLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES SHAOZHONG MA'S 22 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO 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.

Resolution for Shaozhong Ma

Motion

Loan of Civil War Springfield Musket to the Connecticut Historical Society for exhibition: Dean Nelson, Administrator of the Museum of Connecticut History stated that the Connecticut Historical Society has asked to borrow this Civil War Springfield Musket to exhibit, along with some things from their own collection, for when they host the New York Historical Society's travelling exhibition "Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow" from March 26- September 14, 2019. State Police recommendations of 1986 require that the Connecticut State Library Board approve in advance the temporary removal of collections firearms from the building. It was MOVED (A. Hoffman) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE LOAN OF THE MUSKET FROM THE 29TH REGIMENT TO THE CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE EXHIBITION BLACK CITIZENSHIP IN THE AGE OF JIM CROW" PASSED unanimously.

Loan of Musket to Connecticut Historical Society

Motion

With no other matters to come before the board, at 12:40pm it was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (A. Hoffman) TO ADJOURN.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in the State Library's Reading Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

