

New London Library and Museum
Board of Director's regular meeting – July 30, 2007

The regular meeting was called to order by President Sue Krejcarek at 5:00 p.m. Present; Ken Renning, Judy McDaniel, Mary Tate, Chris Bermann, Mary Toby, Ron Steinhorst, Library Director Ann Hunt, Museum Director Angie Seidl.

Motion by Tate/Bermann to approve the minutes of June 18, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Steinhorst/McDaniel to approve the Library bills in the amount of \$8,297.04 and for the Museum in the amount of \$1,044.04. Motion carried. Noted is income for the Library for the month of \$1,127.26 and for the Museum, \$5,093.04.

Museum Director's Report

Attendance for the Month of June was 391 visitors, Volunteer Hrs. 42

Angie Seidl reported that Shellie Kosmerchock has resigned her position as cataloger with the Museum to assume a teaching position in Minnesota. The position has been posted with interviews being held and notice given that Rachel Markgraf has been offered the position.

Angie reported on her attendance at the Museum of Science & Industry Open House in Chicago on July 25. An opportunity to go behind the scenes and check out collection storage, cataloguing and meet with exhibit developers was provided.

Games on the Green it was reported started on Wednesday, July 11. An average 13 students have been participating each week.

On Thursday, July 12 the Museum participated in the Library's Histories Mysteries program. Connie Darkow, a museum volunteer shared information on Quilt Squares made during the Civil War.

It was noted that the August Drawing Camp program has fifteen students registered.

To help prepare the volunteers prepare for the New London cemetery walk program Angie will be offering to take any of the actors/actresses who are available to attend the Historic Haxelwood cemetery walk on August 13.

To start advertising and promoting the Historical Walking Tour of Downtown, about 30 t-shirts will be printed for key volunteers, board members and staff. The painting of the 2006 walking tour markers has been completed.

Library Director's Report

Ann Hunt reported that she has not been given any dates or information regarding budget preparations for 2008. Legislative issues in Madison regarding the budget have not allowed the normal process for developing the budget at our level to take place.

It was reported that the Library has 112 teens signed up for the summer reading program. This it was reported was the most ever enrolled in the program. It was also noted that 95 adults and 363 children are taking part in their respective summer reading programs.

In other programming sponsored by the Library it was reported 108 participants for Whys Guy The Science Guy, 198 for Rick Allen (magician), 89 for Mystery Solvers, 69 for History Mystery, and 59 for Mystery Guests.

Ann also reported that the Library is planning an author visit for early 2008. An invitation has been extended to Victoria Houston, a popular Wisconsin mystery writer to visit our Library.

In Staff news; Holly will be returning to work on August 6th, Janet will be attending the circulation and technical services round table discussions and Ann will be taking a much deserved couple of weeks of vacation early in August.

Discussion/Action

Election of Officers for the Library/Museum Board was held. A motion by Tate/McDaniel to elect the following officers of the Board was made and unanimously approved: President; Sue Krejcarek, Vice-President; Ron Steinhorst, Secretary; Chris Bermann.

President Krejcarek reported on a meeting of the Library Board building committee which was held recently. It was reported that the building committee will be asking to meet with Kent Hager, City Administrator within the next few weeks. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the long discussed issue of a new Library Building for the community. Identified in annual long range capital expenditures of the city a search for additional financial support for the new facility needs to include where the new facility will be located. The Library/Museum Board feels that the area recently cleared on the south side of the river in the downtown area is well suited for this addition to New London's public buildings and this will be the main item discussed with Mr. Hager. The date of the meeting and materials to be included will be shared by President Krejcarek with members of the Library/Museum Board as soon as they have been determined.

A reminder that our August meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, August 27th.

A motion by Renning/Bermann to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. was made. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted – Ken Renning, Secretary