

New London Library and Museum
Board of Director's regular meeting—April 20, 2009

President Ken Renning called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present: Judy McDaniel, Chris Bermann, Jo Collar, Ron Steinhorst, Diane Dorow, Sue Krejcarek, Ken Renning, Library Director Ann Hunt, and Museum Director Christine Cross. Members of the Friends of the Museum were also present.

Motion was made by McDaniel/Steinhorst to approve the minutes of March 16, 2009. Motion carried. Motion made by Steinhorst/Dorow to approve the financial reports of the library and museum. Library bills amounted to \$27,902.80, and museum bills amounted to \$456.28. Motion carried. Noted is income for the month—library, \$73,138.94 and museum, \$75.00. The Library Trust has a balance of \$43,910.18, and the Museum Trust has a balance of \$15,495.86.

Museum Director's Report

Letter will be sent to the schools explaining that the Junior Curator's program is begin review and revised. Work continues on Games on the Green and the cemetery walk. 2010 homes tour will be postponed until September. Then the community can expect a program every September. The Director is making her way through the collection. Application has been made for a traveling exhibit entitled "Key Ingredients: America by Food". A new exhibit design for the museum is underway. The Director would like to establish exhibit and curatorial volunteers. An increase in the hours for Assistant Director might be a possibility depending upon budget. The loss of three hours for the cataloger was noted. Storage unit rental was recommended. Semi-annual newsletter might be a possibility. Other public relations programs are being developed. Friends of the Museum will be meeting in May.

Library Director's Report

Library survey was summarized and copies distributed to the Board. Public hearing for the waterfront initiative on Tuesday, April 21st. The security cameras have been installed. The OWLs library system created a five-year service plan. Mayor Gary Henke will be a member of that committee. 30 people attended family night. First grade round up will be held the last week of April. Jodi, Janet, and Debbie attended a presentation on new children's and teen books. A directors meeting will be held on April 24 in Weyauwega.

Discussion/Actions

Library survey results were discussed. Results will be shared with the City Council and with the public through a series of articles in the paper. Copies will also be made available at city hall and the library. Building committee will begin to meet soon, hopefully in May. Discussions were held on extending the catalogers hours into the summer and the rental of a storage unit. Decisions were tabled until next month's meeting. Discussions were also held on redesigning the office and exhibit space. Decision was tabled until next month's meeting also. A subscription to Ancestry.com was purchased. Policy committee for the museum was established. Committee members are Sue Krejcarek, Ken Renning, and Christine Cross. A committee will be established next month for a Plan Update-Library 2009. Motion made by Bermann/Steinhorst to begin a closed session to review the performance evaluation of the Library Director. A roll call vote was taken. It was unanimous. Motion made by Krejcarek/McDaniel to return to open session. Roll call vote was taken. It was unanimous. Motion made by Steinhorst/Dorow to adjourn at 7:05. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Bermann, Secretary