

New London Library and Museum
Board of Directors Special Meeting-January 7, 2019

President Ron Steinhorst called the special meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Present: Ginny Schlais, Betty Roberts, Judy McDaniel, Bill Flease, Mary Dickrell, Library Director - Ann Hunt, Museum Director – Christine Cross. Unexcused: Chris Bermann.

Others Present: Dennis Krueger, Mike Huzzar, Brenda Hansen, Connie Zolkoske, Dan Froding, Faye Wohlrabe, Milton Staskal, Hans Thompson, James Hamilton (by conference call), Patty Grossman, Scott Bellile, Gary Henke.

New Business Discussion/Action

1. Call to order: Introduction of all present.
2. Review and confirm meeting agenda and objectives: Dennis Krueger as facilitator confirmed that a new library and a remodeled museum would add value to the community and that this meeting was a forum for everyone to share.
3. Review critical issues facing campaign fundraising plans: How is fundraising going to work? How are funds divided? There is a concern that there may not be enough funds to do both projects.
4. Present potential campaign fundraising plans: James Hamilton from McDonald Schaefer shared that there is no high confidence in raising money for both projects, but the community wants both. James presented two goals—one to fund raise for the library only in the amount of \$3.5 million, and the second to do a “stretch” goal to add funds for the museum with an additional \$500,000 added.
5. Questions and Discussion: Discussion followed on source of revenue, strategies, what methods to use, naming rights, and assembling a volunteer team. We will need to determine if there is the ability to raise the amount needed by July 7, 2019, in order to move forward with the project.
6. Motion by Roberts/Fleuse that the New London Public Library continue with plans to fund raise for a new mixed-used library building and that the New London Public Museum may have a capital campaign once the library campaign concludes. Motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Adjourn

Motion by Flease/Schlais to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Roberts