

## **New London Library and Museum**

### **Board of Director's regular meeting – October, 15, 2007**

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

Note: a letter of resignation was received from Mary Tate. Mary served on the Library/Museum Board representing the New London City Council. The Mayor has indicated that he will choose a replacement for Mrs. Tate and inform the Board who that person will be.

Motion by Steinhorst/Renning to approve the minutes of September 24, 2007 as amended. The amended minutes should identify the date of the September meeting as September 24. The minutes should also note that Ken Renning was excused from that meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Renning/Steinhorst to approve the Library bills in the amount of \$2,172.69 and for the Museum in the amount of \$665.85. Motion carried. Noted is income for the Library for the month of \$759.24 and for the Museum, \$373.92.

### **Museum Director's Report**

Attendance for the month of September was 535 visitors, Volunteer Hrs. 156.75 of which 137.5 were involved in the Cemetery Walk.

Angie Seidl reported that on October 10, she and Alice were recertified for CPR through the cities program.

Angie also reported that she and Alice will be participating in the Wisconsin Federation of Museum's Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday, October 29, in Appleton. The main subject to be discussed is "Making Museums Matter".

The Junior Curators program will be presented at Most Precious Blood Elementary School on Tuesday's in November. The subjects to be discussed will include; Logging, Passenger Pigeons, Thomas Edison and Hatten Park.

The Chicago coach bus trip information packets have been mailed out to past participants. To date there are 16 individual signed up for this program which will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2007. Enrollment is limited to 50 participants.

On Thursday, October 11, a group of 16 individuals from the Clintonville Senior Center visited the museum. A contribution of \$48 was made to Museum as a result of their visit.

On Friday, October 19 a group of Cub Scouts from Sugarbush will be visiting the Museum. They will be able to partake in a scavenger hunt after a brief history of the community and the museum is presented.

It was also noted that John Groat will be volunteering his efforts as a guest Native American lecturer as requested by Cathy Curns from Most Precious Blood on Friday, October 22.

### **Library Director's Report**

Ann Hunt reported that a contract has been offered and accepted by Jody Leslie to serve as the Children's Librarian. Ms. Leslie who has a Masters in Library Science degree will begin her duties on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Louise Hoffman came to the Library to talk about her book "Goulash and Picking Pickles". Ms. Hoffman a graduate of New London High School was greeted by 33 residents who came to talk about her book and the "good old days".

The Library held its second teen early release program. Thirty teens participated in the program. On Thursday, October 25, the Thursday afternoon program will be held to be followed the following week by the second elementary early release day.

Ann, Janet and Brenda will be attending the Wisconsin Library Association conference to be held in Green Bay. The meeting to be held the week of October 22 will feature a number of topics in support of Library activities for patrons of all ages. One of the workshops will feature Stephen Abram, listed in Library Journal publications as one of the top fifty people influencing the future of libraries.

### **Discussion/Action**

A motion by Steinhorst/Toby approved a \$500 bonus for Debbie Kamholz. Debbie was filling in as Children's Librarian until a new Children's Librarian was hired. It was noted that she did a great job filling in and has put in a great deal of extra time and effort to insure that the program continued to meet its goals. Motion carried

The Owls Membership Agreement was shared with Board Members. Action to approve the Agreement will be brought before the Board at the November, meeting.

It was decided not to change the November meeting date of the Library/Museum Board. The meeting will be held as usual on the third Monday of the month, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Board was informed that the 2008 City budget including the requests of the Library and Museum had been presented to the City Council on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Final approval of the document will come at a later date.

Board members were informed of the plan to present information on the need for a new Library and a recommended site for the Library to the full membership of the City Council on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Library/Museum Board members are invited to attend that meeting to provide support for the effort.

A motion by Renning/Steinhorst to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. was made. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted – Ken Renning, Acting Secretary