

New London Library and Museum

Board of Director's regular meeting – May 21, 2007

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

Motion by Ron Steinhorst/Judy McDaniel to approve the minutes of April 30, 2007, motion carried.

Motion by Ron Steinhorst/Mary Tate to approve the Library bills in the amount of \$19,998.65 and for the Museum in the amount of \$166.21. Motion carried. Noted is income for the Library for the month of \$627.27 and for the Museum, \$25.

Museum Director's Report

Attendance for the Month of February was 451+visitors, Volunteer Hrs. 7.5

Angie Seidl reported she has been working on some small exhibits to feature displays on Hatten Lumber, Photography, Fishing and the Simmons/Edison Factory. The space was made available as a result of the "Veterans Remembered in New London" exhibit which freed some display case space when items placed in that exhibit were moved from their original location to the Veterans display.

Ms. Seidl also shared with the Board that Wisconsin Museum Week which took place May 12-19 was well attended. As a part of the special week two raffles were held. Those visiting the museum were able to enter the raffles with the possibility of winning one of the following gift certificates; Shamrock Heights Golf Club (two 18 round and two 9 round passes), a spring NL Bulldog coat from Janet's Custom Design, 10 pool passes for use at the New London Pool, four movie passes for the Rogers Grand Theatre and a one night stay at the Antiques with Inn Bed and Breakfast.

Young Rembrandts Art Camps the Board was informed will be held the week of June 13-15 for ages five through seven and the week of August 7-9 for ages eight through twelve.

Cost for the classes will be \$15 per student. There will be a maximum of 30 and a minimum of 15 students per class.

The Board was also informed that as soon as weather permits the walking tour will be painted on the route of the 2006 "Walking Tour of Historic Homes." Identification of each individual home featured and the path to follow to get to those homes as identified in the accompanying booklet will be painted on the sidewalks and some streets in New London.

On Thursday, May 3 Angie Seidl was the guest of the UCC's Woman Club where she made a presentation on the history of New London and the Museum.

On May 14, seven women from the New London Woman's Club visited the museum. General information on the museum and the history of New London

Library Director's Report

Ann Hunt reported that Wire Technology came on Wednesday May 2 and installed wireless internet access for the Library. Patrons have been informed of this new addition to the services of the Library using the Libraries Web page and Cable 3.

Ann Hunt also informed the Board that she has volunteered to be on a committee that is going to evaluate products and companies to make a recommendation regarding the purchase of software for OWLS which will keep track of patrons use on the computers located in the Library. An automated system would free up a lot of staff time from this responsibility.

The Board was also informed that the "Friends of the Library" will be holding their semi-annual book sale on May 31 and June 1.

A donation by Stuart Klauer in the memory of his wife Lee of a \$200 gift certificate to buy a tree for the Library was recognized. Location for the tree on the Library/Museum grounds will be discussed with the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of New London.

Staff visitations to the schools to tell the students about the Libraries summer reading program is currently taking place. The programs will begin on June 11th.

Discussion/Action

A motion by Ken Renning/Mary Tate to adopt the Wireless Use Policy as presented was made. The motion was carried.

Discussion of Act 420 which allows libraries to bill adjacent counties for serving residents of those counties who live outside of communities that support local libraries and the position taken by OWLS encouraging member libraries not to submit bills for serving residents of adjacent counties was held. The New London Library/Museum Board took no action on Act 420 agreeing to follow the process which is currently in effect which is to not bill neighboring counties for materials their residents might have borrowed from the NL Library.

It was suggested that the Library/Museum board place on their June Agenda a discussion with possible action regarding a request to have the City Downtown Development Committee include plans to construct a new Public Library/Community Center in the area

currently under consideration for development on the south side of the Wolf Rive in the downtown area.

The Board recognized the retirement of Carol Bitar from the Library/Museum Board. Ms. Bitar served for the past six years as the School District of New London's representative on the Board. She was recognized as a very valuable member of the Board and her service to the community will be missed as she retires also from her position as Director of Instruction for the School District.

A motion by Mary Tate/Judy McDaniel to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. was made. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted – Ken Renning, Secretary