

New London Library and Museum

Board of Director's regular meeting – June 18, 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, Library Director Ann Hunt, Museum Director Angie Seidl. Excused; Ron Steinhorst. Introduced was Mary Toby. Mary will serve on the Library/Museum Board as the representative from the School District of New London.

Motion by McDaniel/Tate to approve the minutes of May 21, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Tate/Renning to approve the Library bills in the amount of \$2,764.70 and for the Museum in the amount of \$159.00. Motion carried. Noted is income for the Library for the month of \$777.75 and for the Museum, \$2,530.25.

Museum Director's Report

Attendance for the Month of February was 292 visitors, Volunteer Hrs. 3.5

Angie Seidl reported Shellie Kosmerchok has been with the Museum for three months and will soon have her three month evaluation of her performance as an employee of the Museum.

It was noted that staff have been participating in the Blood Borne Pathogen workshops and hearing tests being sponsored by the City.

It was also noted that to date three grants have been secured for the 2008 Walking Tour of Historic Downtown. The primary sponsor will be the Bemis Foundation with a grant of \$5,000. In addition a \$2,500 grant from the Opportunity Fund within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and a \$250 donation from the New London Tourism Committee have been confirmed.

The painting of the 2006 walking tour markers has been completed.

It was noted that the June Young Rembrandts Art Camp was cancelled due to low registration.

Games on the Green will be presented on July 11, 18 and 25 and August 1. This program will take place from 1:30-2:30 and provide a variety of historical games for children of all ages. This will be the fifth year this program has taken place.

Work continues on the Cemetery walk slated for September.

Parkview Elementary School's 2nd grade toured the museum on June 5th.

Library Director's Report

Ann Hunt reported that Children's Librarian Holly had a baby boy, Ryan Gerald, on June 7th.

It was reported that the Library has had a number of people using the new wireless network which has been made available.

The Summer Reading program has begun. It is reported that 116 children were signed up on the very first day. Interest on behalf of local business to participate in the scavenger hunt associated with Summer Reading Program has been very encouraging. Many programs have been lined up to the children's enjoyment, including science mysteries, magic mysteries, mystery solvers, mystery guests with the culminating activity to be a magical mystery tour featuring Mr. Billy

It was also noted that the Library has 52 teens enrolled in the Teen program and 62 adults signed up for the Adult program which will each have special activities to include tie dying, decoding messages, library scavenger hunts and writing a library mystery.

On Tuesday June 5th the second grade classes from Parkview toured the library and participated in a library scavenger hunt.

Janet Reidenbach traveled to the middle school on June 5 to speak to some classes about the teen summer reading program.

Discussion/Action

The Museums update of the five year plan for that institution as completed by Angie Seidl was reviewed with the Board. Each of the goals within the plan has definite objectives to be met. The update identified what activities have been instituted to meet each of the goals. A copy of the update will be forwarded to members of the City Council along with the minutes for June 18, 2007.

The Board then discussed the ongoing plans to build a new Library for the City of New London. Board members were brought up to date on plans already discussed regarding the construction of a new Library. Further discussion led the Board to suggest that a committee of the Board be assembled to take those plans already prepared and suggest additional strategies to keep the idea of a new building in front of all City Council, Planning Commission, Downtown, and Smart growth organizations. Location of the Library is important. Realization that over 80,000 visitors use the Library each year and those numbers when traveling to the Library seek other services in this community is of equal importance to the community and its future plans. Volunteering to serve on the Board committee was Sue Krejcarek, Chris Bermann, Judy McDaniel and Ken Renning. The committee will have its first meeting on Monday July 23rd at 2 p.m. in the Library.

A reminder was made that the Library/Museum Board meeting in July has been changed to Monday, July 23rd; and the August meeting to Monday, August 27th.

A motion by Mary Tate/Judy McDaniel to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. was made. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted – Ken Renning, Secretary