

**TRUMBULL LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

Trumbull Library

February 12, 2014

Members Present: Vice Chairwoman Joan Hammill, Tara Liskov, James J. Cebulski, Antonio Petitti, Nancy Rupp, Carol Porrata-Elstein, and Laura Ponzio

Members Not Present: Chairwoman Jeannine Stauder and Treasurer Arthur Kukla

Also Present: Sue Horton, Library Director, and Louis Sheehy, Assistant Library Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Tara Liskov.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the law firm of Owens, Schine, and Nicola, congratulating Attorney Vincent Marino, and letting the Board know that they are available to assist with any legal issues.

Ms. Liskov received a letter from Chairwoman Stauder on behalf of the Board, thanking her for 3 years as Chairwoman of the Trumbull Library System Board of Trustees, and she also received a small gift from the Board.

A letter was received from Attorney Jean Rabinow on behalf of the Friends of the Library. The Board is very pleased that the Friends will be contributing \$18,000.00 to the Library this year.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by James Cebulski and seconded by Joan Hammill to approve the minutes of January 8, 2014, as amended. Abstention: Laura Ponzio. Motion carried.

Amendments to the minutes of January 8, 2014 are as follows:

1. On page 2, it should read, "the high school debate at the Library," instead of "at Trumbull High School."

Director's Report: Ms. Horton discussed the Arduino classes at the Fairchild Nichols Branch funded by the Fairchild Association.

Friends of the Connecticut Libraries President Paul McIlvaine and Program Chair Carl Nawrocki are visiting the Creators' Corner to see the space and talk with Jenny McLachlan about presenting at the FOCL Boot Camp in April.

One Book One Town starts with a Kick Off Celebration on March 2nd at Trumbull High School. On Sunday, April 6, author Chad Harbach will speak at Trumbull High School at 2 p.m. His book, *The Art of Fielding*, was one of the NY Times best books of 2011.

Children's author Audrey Vernick will also be speaking at the Library on March 6, and original NY Mets player Ken MacKenzie will also be coming to the Library on March 9.

Part of the Mallett Fund will be used for these upcoming programs, as well as for advertising for these events.

Sunday, May 4th is opening weekend for the Bridgeport Bluefish. A discounted ticket rate was given by the Bluefish as part of their support.

Ms. Horton discussed purchasing new vinyl chairs for the Library.

Motion made by Nancy Rupp and seconded by Antonio Petitti to allocate \$250.00 for the purchase of 2 new chairs totaling \$1,000.00 for the lounge area inside the Library, the remaining cost of the chairs being paid with Library funds left over from electrical and other miscellaneous costs.

Motion made by Laura Ponzio and seconded by James Cebulski to give a \$250.00 cash gift to Maria for providing 15 years of cleaning services to the Library. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Sheehy discussed the totals for the month, and there were no abnormal expenditures. He also discussed refuse removal, materials, book collections, and longevity expenses with the Board.

Old Business: Mr. Sheehy discussed the budget with the Board. Line items were discussed, as well as expenditures in online products, technology funds, and the strategic plan for the Library. Funding for the Library over a two year period was also discussed.

2 vacancies in the personnel account were discussed, one full time and one part time vacancy. The full time position has been removed. Mr. Sheehy further discussed the Town budget, noting that this was the only department in the Town that had an elimination of a full time position. Plans for the possible restoration of this position were discussed.

The Board thanked Mr. Sheehy for his time.

Fairchild Branch: Mr. Cebulski discussed the Fairchild Board. Chairwoman Stauder attended the recent Fairchild Board meeting. Interviewing candidates for the open

position of Branch Director was also discussed. The hiring process will continue in the next few weeks.

Camp Fairchild, and other unique happenings at the Branch were discussed.

New Business: Having Impact come back to the Library was discussed.

Ms. Porrata-Elstein asked if One Book One Town fliers would be distributed to school children. Ms. Hammill noted that they would be.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by James Cebulski and seconded by Antonio Petitti to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Kosarko
Clerk

Approved; pending final approval by the full Board of Trustees,

Jeannine Stauder, Chairwoman
Trumbull Library Board of Trustees

The next meeting of the Trumbull Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 7 p.m.

