

**GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Groton Public Library

7:00 p.m., Director's Office

- I) Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Marie Shaw.
- II) Roll call: Marie Shaw, Katherine Brighty, Rosemary Duval-Arnould, Susan Kietzman, Ranjna Bindra, Laurel Butler, Sean McKenna, Pennie Fox, and Betty Anne Reiter. Excused : Lenore White
- III) Public Comments: None
- IV) Communications: A letter was received from the ACLB ( Association of Connecticut Library Boards) inviting Groton Library board members to join the association.
- V) Approval of minutes of the January 20, 2016 Library Board meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Laurel Butler and seconded by Katherine Brighty. The minutes were approved.
- VI) Review of January statistics: The statistics reflect a stable situation. A trend continues to show that more and more people are using the wireless service. The Facebook page is also seeing growth.
- VII) Director's Report
  - A. Building Renovation Update
    - i. The Library received \$1,000 from the SI Financial Group Foundation Inc. to be used for expenses related to the computer lab relocation and improvements. The Circle of Friends sponsored this grant application. The Allyn Foundation has contributed \$2500 to support the exterior book drop.
    - ii. Fundraising stands at \$102,656.
  - B. Circle of Friends
    - i. The annual membership renewal letter went out and responses are coming in.
    - ii. The COF is holding a membership meeting on February 18 at 6:30 p.m. Peggy Brissette from the Friends of CT Libraries will be the guest speaker.
  - C. CT Sub Century Library Subcommittee
    - i. Details are being finalized for a series of four lectures to be held at UConn Avery Point on April 6 and 20 and May 4 and 18.
    - ii. GPL is hosting two programs – February 11: The U.S. Submarine Force and Naval Submarine Base New London: a 101 Presentation with Captain Paul Whitescarver and March 14: History of the Naval Submarine Base New London with Eury Cantillo, Director of Education, Submarine Force Museum.

D. One Book, One Region

- i. Successful kickoff program was held at CT College on February 3 with Scott Lewis.
- ii. GPL programs begin on February 16 and will be held on Tuesday evenings through April 12.

E. Library Activities

- i. Thank you to all who helped with the tours on *Take Your Child to the Library Day*. Diane Beaulieu's hard work and organizational talents were key to its success.
- ii. The Library sponsored a popular series of programs about Benedict Arnold on the anniversary of his 275<sup>th</sup> birthday. The programs were featured on WFSB's *Better Connecticut* on January 14. Jennifer Miele who led the program was asked to appear on Chanel 3.
- iii. The Library has a very limited quantity of IRS 1040, 1040 A and 1040 EZ forms and instructions this tax season.
- iv. The American Library Association has invited the library to take part in a pilot program to provide financial literacy programming to members of the military community and their families.
- v. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Edible Books Festival is scheduled for April 3.
- vi. Director Betty Anne Reiter has published an article in the Connecticut Library Association Journal-CLA Today- about the Neighborhood Assistance Act.
- vii. A discussion was held concerning the request to use library meeting rooms by a non-profit group who wished to host a tournament and to charge a fee to participants. The board decided that such use was not in accordance with library policy.
- viii. The public budget hearing will be held on March 29.

VIII) New Business: The Groton Library Board will participate in the Edible Books Contest

IX) Old Business

- A. February 6 event for local officials.
- B. An event will be held at the Fairview Odd Fellows Home on Feb 22 at 10:00 a.m. to thank Groton Utilities and Eversource for their contributions to the Groton Library and Fairview through the Neighborhood Assistance Act.

X) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Laurel Butler and seconded by Ranjna Bindra. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rosemary Duval-Arnould

Secretary

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