

Cromwell Library Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 10, 2017  
7:30 p.m.  
Arch Room

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Record of Votes and Minutes

Present: Chairman Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie  
Absent: Al Dickerson, Diane Mongold  
Also Present: Drusilla Carter, Library Director; Gerald Seagrave

1. Call to Order--The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairman Marie Roberto.
2. Approve/Amend Agenda--*Margaret Colella moved to approve the April 10, 2017 agenda. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton.*
3. Approval of March 13, 2017 Minutes--*Barbara Grotheer moved to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes, as amended. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton. Amendment: 9a. 2nd paragraph should read: Marie noted the library **had a** "free Friday" .....*
4. Citizens' Comments--Gerald Seagrave passed around a memo from Kendall Wiggin, the State Librarian. Subject of the memo was: Impact of America First - A Budget Blueprint to Make America Great Again on Libraries in Connecticut. (Martha Rennie arrived: 7:36 p.m.)
5. Town Council Liaison Comments--None.
6. Reports:
  - a. Chairman--Marie inquired about the timeline for the library grant. Drusilla noted she is meeting with the architects this week and they will also be meeting with the staff. Preliminary drawings should be ready by the next meeting. To note: Drusilla met with Finance Director Marianne Silvester and Town Manager Anthony Salvatore. They suggested allocating \$100,000 for the architects. The actual bid came in at \$42,500!

Marie thanked Drusilla for reorganizing the library. It is more open, airy, less cluttered, not so many barriers...a friendlier place. It is looking very good. Marie added to extend to the staff our thanks and that we are noticing these new improvements.

b. Library Director--Drusilla's office has been moved to the small meeting room and is more accessible to the patrons of the library. The Elizabeth Maselli Local History Room will become the new meeting room. The meeting space will have pictures of the original library and other items of a historical nature. The historical collections will be moved to Drusilla's old office where there is a dehumidifier and that room will be relabeled as the Elizabeth Maselli Local History Room. Drusilla is now in the process of getting some high school students to help moving the items to their new location and would like to start moving things this week. This will open up a space for meetings...one of which will be the monthly Library Commission meeting. Unearthing many interesting items. Have been going through the Elizabeth Maselli Room finding items that belonged to the Historical Society which has now gone back to them--an arrowhead collection, some furniture, etc. The original plaque in honor of Elizabeth Maselli was also discovered and will be displayed. Blueprints have been found of the "new" high school which are going to the Engineering Department. Also have contacted Southern Connecticut State University asking for a student archivist to work in the historical room.

DVD security cases are now being used for only our new DVD's. The Waterbury library came and took around 400 cases. The New Haven library came in today and were thrilled to get the security cases. Many thanks to our library staff who pitched in filling boxes.

Patrons have been very positive about Reference Desk's new location. Statistics were then distributed and briefly discussed.

*Barbara Grotheer then moved to accept the Library Director's Report for March 2017. Seconded by Martha Rennie. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie.*

c. Finance Report--The March 2017 Library Finance Report was distributed. Drusilla noted being about where we should be in terms of expenditures.

*Martha Rennie then moved to accept the March 2017 Library Finance Report. Seconded by Barbara Grotheer. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie.*

7. Old Business--Martha Rennie inquired about the full time position request. Drusilla noted it was denied but the budget was approved for a half-time position as an assistant in the Children's Department.

Barbara Grotheer asked if the CT Card system will be continuing. Drusilla noted even if funding goes away it should continue.

8. New Business--

a. Elections--*Barbara Grotheer moved to nominate Marie Roberto for Chairman and Kathy Newton for Vice Chairman. Seconded by Martha Rennie. Marie and Kathy graciously accepted and it was unanimously accepted.*

9. Other--In May, the library will be participating in "One Book On The Riverbend," a joint venture between the region's public and academic libraries centered around the book *The Boys in the Boat*. The library will be hosting book discussion for all ages and the weekly movie showing will be focused on the 1936 Olympic Games and the American rowing team that won the gold.

The next monthly Tea with the Director will be held on May 10th at 2:00PM .

The Friends of the Library will be having a tea on April 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the library and their spring book sale will be May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Historical Society will be holding their May Day Tea on April 30th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

10. Next Regular Meeting Date: May 8, 2017.

11. Adjournment: *Margaret Colella then moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Kathy Newton. In favor: Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie.*

Respectfully submitted,



Linda K. Sellew  
Library Commission Clerk