

## Willimantic Public Library Board Minutes

**Date:** August 26, 2014

**Attendance:** Judd Ayer, Chair; Olga Kurnyk-Ezis; Elsie Jenkins; Neil Mesick; Merle Potchinsky; J.Drucilla Carter, Director

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m. Judd welcomed and introduced two newly appointed Board members, Neil Mesick who has served on the Board previously, and Merle Potchinsky. They were greeted by all with joy and thanks for agreeing to serve.

**Citizen or Delegations:** none

### **Acceptance of Minute:**

The minutes of the March 25 meeting, which were not available at the April or May meetings, were reviewed. Explanations about the issue of the security guard and how that was proceeding were touched on briefly for review and for the new members. Elsie moved, Neil seconded acceptance. Passed

May 25<sup>th</sup> minutes were discussed including the fact that there had been no meeting in June due to lack of quorum. A correction was made to note that then-Board member Laura Lambert had been present at the meeting. Neil moved, Olga seconded, minutes were approved with the correction.

### **Reports:**

The Director's written report for the month of July was reviewed. Olga noted the impressive number of 350 children signed up for summer reading program. Also, the library is looking for grants to supplement bilingual and special needs materials of children and young adults. There was brief discussion of one problem patron and it was noted that the security guard has been helpful. Drucilla described the "Passport to Connecticut Libraries" program taking place in September. The grant application for State construction funds was approved by the Town Council on Aug. 5 and has been forwarded to the State Library before the Aug. 29 deadline. There was discussion about the chances for the Town's funding process to continue to include the Library renovation; the \$150,000 for energy updates in the Library is still in the Town's plans. It was noted that we have three years from the awarding by the State Library to use the funds.

### **Old Business:**

Judd brought up the issue of changing the Library Board's By-Laws in respect to making a quorum at any meeting a number that would be realistic in light of how hard it has been to achieve a quorum of four (4). A discussion followed about the number of Board members as stated in those By-Laws and whether it would be legal to change the quorum requirement because the number of Board members has been established as seven (7) by Council Resolution #2405. To move the discussion along, a motion was made (Olga) and seconded (Neil) to amend the By-

Laws (IV, 8) to read "...not less than three (3)." After brief further discussion, there was consensus that Drucilla would check further with Town officials about the legal issues before a decision is made at the next Library Board meeting.

**New Business:**

The Board will return to its consideration of Library policies in the Fall. A slate of proposed Officers will be presented at the September meeting to be voted on in October.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Next meeting:** September 23, 2014, 7p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Elsie Jenkins, acting secretary