

Willimantic Public Library Board Minutes

Date: September 27, 2016

Attendance: Judd Ayer, Chair; Delia Berlin; J. Drusilla Carter, Director; Denise Flores; Merle Potchinsky

Call to Order: Chairman Ayer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Citizens and Delegations: None

Minutes: August meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously passed as presented.

Reports: Director's report of activities for August 2016 was presented and reviewed. It's been a busy summer, gearing up for the renovation. Spending remains on track but it may slow down due to sharing and spend-down of existing supplies due to the impending renovation.

Old Business:

- Construction update: Director Carter reported that construction work will begin on the second floor on Monday and that the anticipated project timeline is 210 days. Clearing up the space and setting up temporary offices and a children's area downstairs has been strenuous, but everyone, from staff to volunteers, is working hard and looking forward to the completion. Colors have been selected for carpeting, walls, laminates, upholstery and wood finishes, and that adds to the excitement.
- Update on possible name change: Based on previous extensive considerations and discussions, a motion to forward a recommendation to the mayor was presented and passed by the Board. Chairman Ayer will present the recommendation, as follows: "The Willimantic Public Library Board recommends to the Town Council renaming the library's Children's Department in memory of late Board member Mary Lou De Vivo."

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Delia Berlin, Co-Secretary