

**TRUMBULL LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

Trumbull Library

March 12, 2014

Members Present: Chairwoman Jeannine Stauder, Vice Chairwoman Joan Hammill, Tara Liskov, James J. Cebulski, Nancy Rupp and Laura Ponzio

Members Not Present: Treasurer Arthur Kukla, Antonio Petitti, and Carol Porrata-Elstein

Also Present: Sue Horton, Library Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairwoman Jeannine Stauder.

Chairwoman Jeannine Stauder thanked Tara Liskov for taking over last month's meeting of the Trumbull Library Board of Trustees.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by James Cebulski and seconded by Laura Ponzio to approve the minutes of February 12, 2014, edited as suggested. 1 Abstention: Jeannine Stauder. Motion carried.

Changes to the minutes of February 12, 2014 are as follows:

1. On page 1, under "Amendments to the minutes of January 8, 2014," it should read, "the high school debate at the Main Library," instead of "at the Library."
2. On page 3, on the second line, there should be a comma placed after the word "Branch" so that the sentence reads "Camp Fairchild, and other unique happenings at the Branch, were discussed."

Director's Report: Ms. Horton discussed the Town Council meeting that was held last evening. She also announced to the Board that the Board of Finance voted to restore the full-time circulation/technical services clerk position that was recently taken out of the budget. The Town Council will be voting in April. Funds for the Strategic Plan for the Library were also discussed.

New picture book bins were discussed, and although one was received in damaged condition, it was quickly replaced with a new one at no extra cost to the Library.

Camp Fairchild was successful, and sessions were held for two days during the February school break.

One Book One Town programs and educational events were also discussed. Official proclamations from the Governor, the General Assembly, and the First Selectman are on display in the Library.

Several articles were distributed to the Board, including an article from the *New York Times* about libraries reimagining and updating themselves, an article from the *Wall Street Journal* which included the new library plans for Trumbull, and an article about the Library's One Book One Town program and the 25th anniversary of the world series win.

Ms. Horton also regretfully informed the Board of the passing of Albert Rankell, and noted that a service will be held for him on Friday.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Liskov noted that book sales were low this month. The Board discussed the current prices of the books that are for sale.

Ms. Rupp discussed the budget report, noting the percentage used for heating the building, and it was mentioned that the Town oversees this.

Ms. Hammill discussed the total circulation for the Library, noting that it is lower, and that most libraries are currently experiencing this trend.

Concerning the budget report, there was nothing outstanding this month.

Fairchild Branch: Mr. Cebulski discussed the roof with the Board. He also discussed the recent Fairchild meeting. The new hire at the Library was also discussed as well as the increase of book sales, advertising, circulation, programming and materials, building upkeep, and web and electronic aspects of the Library.

Maintaining the Nichols Community character and charm was discussed, as well as youth oriented programming at the Library.

The Association voted on February 24th to offer the part-time Branch Managing Librarian position to Katharine Farley, who has been working at the Branch for almost a year.

New Business: The ACLB membership renewal was discussed, and it was decided that this will continue to be renewed every year.

Book selections and criteria for book choices for the One Book One Town program were discussed. The content of the current book choice, *The Art of Fielding*, was discussed. Ms. Horton noted that One Book One Town is meant to bring people together for discussion.

Ms. Ponzio mentioned advertising on Pingtown!

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by James Cebulski and seconded by Joan Hammill to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 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, April 9, 2014 at 7 p.m.