

**TRUMBULL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

November 11, 2009

Trumbull Library

Members Present: James J. Cebulski, Chairman, Tara Liskov, Vice Chairman, Arthur J. Kukla, John J. Lauria, Anthony Petitti, Carol Porrata Elstein, Joseph Schlig, Diane Schwartz

Members Absent: Mary Whatley

Also Present: Susan J. Horton, Library Director, Joanne Orenstein, Clerk, Chris Micklus, Member of the Public

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Cebulski.

Public Session: Mrs. Micklus, widow of Mr. Donald Micklus, reported that in memorial to her husband, the Micklus Golf Training Center was created for local youth. She said that she was approached by Rick Bolton to do a mini-golf fundraiser at the Trumbull Library to raise funds and awareness for both the Micklus Foundation, which is a 501-c3 organization, and the Library. They would like to do the golf event on Sunday July 11, as a joint fundraiser. Mrs. Micklus said they had plenty of volunteers, and would be responsible for the incremental out of pocket expenses, and custodial fees. Mr. Cebulski, following the sentiments of the Board, suggested it be put formally on the Agenda for the December meeting.

Correspondence: None.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Porrata Elstein requested the wording be changed to read that the friends' cottage was "repainted to the original selected color". Mr. Lauria made a motion to accept the Minutes as corrected, and Mr. Schlig seconded. VOTE: All in favor.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Cebulski reported that John DelVecchio redrew the parking lot plan, as previously presented by Mr. Cebulski, with an exit onto Church Hill Road. Ms. Porrata Elstein was not sure if that could be done as Church Hill Road is a state road. The exit there nonetheless creates the possibility of a one-way road in and out of the parking lot. The entrance would remain from Quality Street. If Mr. DelVecchio is still in office, the work would be done at no fee, the only cost being expenses. If he is not in office, the Board will need to start over. Mr. DelVecchio used surveyors from the Department of Public Works, and he would provide them for the project at no cost. The plan as drawn by Mr. DelVecchio provides 31 parking spaces.

Director's Report: Ms. Horton stated that unfortunately, she had gotten some negative feedback concerning the anniversary celebration at the Fairchild-Nichols Branch from a few members who felt it was inappropriate for children to have been present, but most people quite enjoyed the unveiling of the mural and the event. Ms. Horton said they are investigating locations for the One Town/One Book large events. Madison Middle School charges custodial fees for use of the Auditorium, while St. Catherine's (a larger space well suited for a more interactive event) charges \$1800. They are also looking at the Discovery Museum.

Mr. Cebulski interjected that the Board of Trustees of the Trumbull Library is required to have 2 of the 9 seats filled from the Fairchild-Nichols Branch. 30 days prior to the expiration of a term, Town Hall sends a letter to the Association to renew or replace those seats. The party in office has 4 of the 7 remaining seats, so when terms expire they will be filled to reflect the majority party.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Porrata Elstein reported that there was nothing unusual about the budget, spending was being done timely and appropriately.

Fairchild-Nichols Branch: Mr. Cebulski said at the party that "Fun Facts" were distributed: interesting statistics about the Library, such as 22,000 people walk through the Main Library and Branch each year and another 10,000 use the meeting rooms. Excluding the schools, more people walk through the Library than any other building in Town.

Old Business: Parking, discussed in Chairman's Report.

New Business: Budget: Ms. Horton distributed the MUNIS System report, as well as her "Thoughts on 2010-2011 Budget Requests from Library System". Last year, she and Mr. Sheehy used a zero-based budget with only mandated increases for union contracts and utilities. The new administration has pledged to go through every budget in Town and cut \$1 million. The Town budget is \$141 million and the Library's is \$1.4 million. The Board agreed to support Ms. Horton's budget request as presented. Of top priority is a full-time Teen Librarian. The Youth Director position has been funded (at \$46,000 salary plus benefits) and vacant for the past two years. The Director of the Youth Commission Mike Metzger is willing to give it over to the Library.

The Town and the Union are now in binding arbitration, the union having refused the Town's offer. This is in regard to rates only, not levels or job descriptions.

Mr. Kukla made a motion for the Board to pay for Mary Rogers' conference fees of \$1400. Ms. Porrata Elstein seconded. **VOTE:** All in favor.

Mr. Cebulski asked the Board to think of any additions to the Budget they might have for the next meeting. The new administration is sworn in December 7.

Adjournment: Mr. Lauria made a motion was made to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Porrata Elstein at 8:35 PM. VOTE: All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Glasser Orenstein, Clerk

Approved:

James J. Cebulski, Chairman
Trumbull Library Board of Trustees

The next meeting of the Trumbull Library Board of Trustees will be Wednesday December 9, 2009 at 7 pm.