

Wethersfield Library Board Special Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2007

Members present: Paul Courchaine, Greg Curtin, Tracy Gionfriddo, Susan Grady, Brad Milvae, Pauline Moon

Members excused: Greg Bedula, Howard Greenblatt, Karen Mortensen

Staff present: Laurel Goodgion, Library Director; Liz Kirkpatrick, Asst. Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Greg Curtin called the meeting to order at 7:02.

The meeting concentrated, for the most part, on the Library's Proposed 07-08 Budget.

Tracy Gionfriddo arrived at 7:06.

There were questions and a lot of discussion concerning various items of the budget.

Liz Kirkpatrick presented details of the salary schedule. The salary schedule will also be an agenda item for this month's regular meeting.

The renovation continues to have an impact on the budget and Library day-to-day operation. With the length of time the temporary Library has been in existence and the fact that most of the books are in storage, many patrons have left. There are no computers for public use. Many middle schoolers, who used to come in after school to use the computers, are not able to do so. There has been no library meeting room available for three years.

Board members should email budget talking points to Laurel for listing at the next meeting. The Library will present its budget to Town Council on Thursday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m. The annual budget hearing will be on Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m..

Laurel and Liz will be meeting tomorrow with Town Manager Bonnie Therrien to clean up the unions' contract language and to check both contracts for consistency. Tomorrow afternoon they will meet with union representatives, who are responding to the request of slates of officers and stewards for both unions.

Tracy Gionfriddo moved to approve the Library budget as submitted by Director Laurel Goodgion. Paul Courchaine seconded. The motion carried. There were two objections to some benefits.

At 8:25 Polly Moon moved to adjourn. Tracy Gionfriddo seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Grady
Secretary