

**BOARD OF AGENTS –
SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY MINUTES –
Tuesday, October 18, 2016**

PRESENT: President DeCarlo, Agents: Beatty, Cullinan, Perugini, Ranando, Ryan, Wrenn

ALSO: Director Raechel Guest, Heidi Barbieri, Lisa Bartkus

CALL TO ORDER: President DeCarlo called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

AGENDA: MMSP (Beatty, Ryan) to approve the agenda as published.

MINUTES: MMSP (Cullen,Ranando) to approve the September 27, 2016 minutes. Approved unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DIRECTOR’S REPORT—part of board packet:

Director Guest reported that the Library is now sponsoring Mardi Gross along with doing our Comic Fest on Saturday October 29th from 10am to 4pm. The activities planned are a Green Screen for Photography, Halloween Movie Marathon, Parade with the Band of Heroes, Band of Hereos will also be reading stories along with taking pictures with our patrons. 1,000 Comic Books and Bookmarks will be distributed with the patron’s ticket which they will receive upon entry to the Library. The Library will have a table set-up to encourage visitor to sign-up for a Free Library card with ID. Halloween Bags will be distributed to the attendees of Mardi Gross/Comic Fest with Brochures from the Library. Literacy Volunteers have offered to help with crafts during Mardi Gross/Comic Fest. Mardi Gross is in need of \$800 n candy for the event. Waterbury Hospital donated \$500 towards candy. Director Guest also advised the board that we will have police presence for the Mardi Gross/Comic fest event from 9am to 5pm.

Director Guest also brought up to the board the need to have the sculptures around the library cleaned/refurbished. Modern Art was the company used to clean the Ben Franklin Sculpture in 2014 at a charge of \$1,000. It was also brought up that the Whale in front is in

bad shape and in need of attention. Heidi will look to see when and where the Whale was repaired previously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No report

POLICY:

No report.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

No report

LEGISLATIVE:

No report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

No report.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY:

Agent Ranando reported the Friends were undertaking a fundraiser beginning in the first week of November. The group will be selling a packet of 4 notecards for \$5 from a table set up in the front lobby. Agent Ranando also informed the board that the second Tuesday in December will be the Friends Luncheon.

HALL OF FAME:

President DeCarlo, Hall of Fame Chairperson, noted that the Induction Ceremony is scheduled to take place on Saturday Oct. 22 at 2 pm at the Mattatuck Museum.

OTHER:

President DeCarlo noted that Committees need to be discussed at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Decarlo is waiting for a response from Corporation Council regarding the Treasurer Vacancy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Finding funding for restoration of sculptures and paintings owned by the library will be a project for the Finance and Fundraising Committee after it is formed.

A gift for Charlotte was suggested at the last board meeting for all that she helped out with for the Board and its members. A catered lunch delivered to her and her co-workers was suggested as an option.

MMSP (Ryan, Perugini) to approve payment of Bronson bills of \$255.76

ADJOURNMENT: MMSP (Cullinan, Beatty) to adjourn.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday December 13, 2016 – 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa Bartkus for Joan Rossi, Secretary