

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Eastern Monroe Public Library

The regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eastern Monroe Public Library was held on Dec. 20, 2016 at the Hughes Library.

Present: Maria Candelaria, Gerard Geiger, Charles Green, Tim Hegarty, Seamus McGraw, Katherine Neville, Ann Super, William Weitzmann

Absent: Jan Selving

Staff in attendance: Sue Lyons, a Christmas light festooned Korey Rustici, and Mary Erm

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM by Board President, G Geiger.

A proposal was made by A. Super to amend the Nov. 22 minutes to more clearly reflect the fact that the library would acquire 50 e-readers at a cost of just under \$50 each.

S. McGraw/W. Weitzmann moved to approve the minutes as accepted. Adopted unanimously.

President's Report - G. Geiger said he the local real estate lawyer who approached him about accepting a donation of art work in perpetuity has instead requested that his art work be placed in display in the spring. There were no objections.

S. Lyons noted that a bequest had been made to the library from the estate of Leni Eisemannand for about \$133,000 of that could be expected in the next several weeks, with and additional \$30,000 to come later. At least part of that money could be earmarked for the expansion of the Hughes branch. In addition Representative-elect Maureen Madden has informed the library that a \$10,000 capital improvement grant is available. Due to time constraints on the application, staff decided to request the money for improvements to the parking lot at the Hughes building.

Treasurer's Report – The Board Treasurer, W. Weitzmann, reviewed the report which had been emailed to Trustees previous to the meeting.

C.Green/A Super made a motion to go into closed session. Motion passed unanimously at 9:19.

Closed session ended at 9:55 on a motion by M.Candelaria/K.Neville which passed unanimously

G Geiger accepted the Treasurer's Report.

S. McGraw/A Super moved to approve the bills as presented and carried. The motion was carried unanimously.

T.Hegarty/A. Super made a motion to approve the tentative 2017 budget which calls for a \$44,000 deficit, with an amendment that the budget would include a salary hike for staff members of either 3 percent or 50 cents per hour, whichever is higher. In addition the motion included a commitment from the board to review the library's ten-year-old pay scale. The measure passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Equipment No report

Publicity & Community Relations – No report

Policy and Operations – No report

Personnel – No report.

Finance – No report

Strategic Planning – No report.

Director's Report – After a stressful launch week in which staff was informed electronically – and erroneously that 330,000 books were on hold, the new ILS system is in place, and is on track to save the library \$35,000 a year. S. Lyons says she hopes the system will expand to other libraries in the region, providing similar opportunities to our users as are available to patrons of larger, federated library systems.

Youth Report – None to report

Old Business –None to report

New Business –None to report

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM on a motion by C. Green/A Super and was carried unanimously.

The meeting was convened on a motion by C. Green/A. Super which was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by K.Neville/C. Green to reappoint all of the existing board officers, with the addition of A. Super as vice president. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 in a motion by S. McGraw/T.Hegarty which carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

**Seamus McGraw
Secretary**