

## 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 Jan. 19 at the Hughes Library.

**Present:** Maria Candelaria, Gerard Geiger, Charles Green, Tim Hegarty, Seamus McGraw, Jan Selving, Ann Super William Weitzmann

**Absent:** Stan Miles.

**Staff in attendance:** Sue Lyons, Korey Rustici, Mary Erm, Suzanne Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 am.

The minutes for the December meeting had been accidentally omitted from the January mailing and therefore no motion was made to approve them.

**President's Report:** G. Geiger reported briefly on the December meeting of the Centennial Committee, noting that a press conference was scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup>. There was discussion about whether to use the conference and subsequent events to outline plans for the Hughes Branch, including expansion of the building with the idea of trying to attract and excite potential donors. W. Weitzmann argued against the idea, arguing that the library faces significant fiscal constraints not least because "The Smithfield's wolf is at the door."

The board discussed the need to cultivate donors, especially larger donors who might have the will and resources to make large donations even in a weakening economic environment.

W. Weitzmann also reported that plans are proceeding on the spring Centennial Dinner at Stroudsmoor. There was general agreement that the price per ticket should be \$75, and it was recommended there be no discounts for couples or tables.

**Treasurer's Report** – W. Weitzmann said he had not received a copy of the treasurer's report in the monthly mailing and deferred comment.

S. Lyons noted that direct deposit of state funds will likely be received after Feb. 1, due to filing issues.

**S. McGraw/M. Candelaria made a motion to approve the bills for payment.  
Approved unanimously.**

**Noting that the board had not reorganized, S. McGraw/A. Super moved to maintain  
the current slate of officers for 2016. Approved unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:59 AM on a motion by J. Selving/A. Super, which  
carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Seamus McGraw, Board Secretary.