

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 Nov. 17, 2015 at the Hughes Library.

Present: Maria Candelaria, Gerard Geiger, Charles Green, Seamus McGraw, William Weitzmann, Janis Selving, Ann Super.

Absent: S. Miles, T Hegarty

Staff in attendance: Sue Lyons, Korey Rustici.

Guest: Kevin Yurko

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 am.

Treasurer's Report – W. Weitzmann presented the report. He noted that the library had “thirty two thousand five hundred and change” that came in last month in tax receipts. It was, he said, “a happy” tax statement, and significant tax income is expected in November and December as well.

S. McGraw/A. Super made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Approved unanimously.

K. Yurko, at B. Weitzmann's request, outlined a financial planning tool commonly used for individuals and families, that concluded that if spending and income remain constant, the library will be in deficit by 2026, and four years earlier if health care costs, which this year could increase by as much as \$10K continue to grow at the current anticipated rate, siphoning off roughly an additional .5 percent out of the budget. He urged the board to use the tool to evaluate options to increase revenues, and or reduce spending, with particular attention to be paid to the Smithfield's Branch.

S. Lyons picked up on that theme, offering detailed presentation on how the library could leverage both the upcoming centennial celebration and proposed improvements to the library, including enhanced reading areas and new restrooms on the second floor of the Hughes building, the additional of a café/book store, enhanced children's section and other improvements in both the physical plant and programs to lure new donors. She also urged the board to work in concert with associated library related organizations and board to identify and target large donors, and to vastly expand the participation of smaller donors.

G. Geiger accepted the Treasurers Report.

President's Report – G Geiger noted that health care costs for the library's existing plan were expected to increase by 10K in the coming year, and that other options were being solicited. Time is running out, and so the board will need to make a decision as early as the December meeting.

Committee Reports:

Art Committee – No report.

Personnel – No report.

Publicity & Community Relations – No report.

**S. McGraw/S. Miles moved to go into executive session at 9:23.
Executive session ended at 9:32**

Old Business – None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 AM on a motion by A. Super/C. Green which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Seamus McGraw, Board Secretary.