

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 Sept. 15, 2015 at the Hughes Library.

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

**Absent:** S. Miles.

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

**Guest:** Kevin Yurko from Wealth Management Services

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 am by president G Geiger.

A motion was made to once again correct the spelling of W. Weitzmann's name in the minutes for the August meeting.

**A Super/J. Selving moved to approve the minutes as amended for the July meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Treasurer's Report** – W. Weitzmann presented the report. He noted that the library has experienced “no surprises on our tax income...the money is still coming in...we're not in dire straits,”; that gross profit is running slightly ahead of expectations and that “our expenses are less than what we had expected to spend.”

**C. Green/A. Super made a motion to approve the bills for payment. Approved unanimously.**

**G. Geiger accepted the Treasurers Report.**

K. Yurko noted that the board still needs to find a permanent solution to the Smithfield's Branch situation, “the \$70,000 or \$80,000 deficit that the Smithfields contributes to the budget will eventually be a hole” and outlined four potential responses, buy the current location, find and purchase another facility, enter in a potential arrangement with either Smithfield or Middle Smithfield, in what he termed the “least optimal” response, close the facility.

K. Yurko said he is inclined to support the idea of purchasing either the existing facility or another location.

**President's Report** – G Geiger circulated a draft of the Strategic Plan, observed that on balance it focuses principally on the Hughes Library and less on the branches. There was discussion about provisions of the plan to open a portion of the mezzanine for public use. S. Lyons said that because the area was already in use, among other things as a staging area for the book sale, and because of its limited ceiling height and other impediments, additional use was not optimal. She also noted that another element of the strategic plan, a new web site, was already well along the way in terms of development.

G. Geiger also noted that S. Lyons had been successful in generating press coverage from the Pocono Record.

In other discussion, S. Lyons noted that “library cards are way up, 849 in July, up from 300” and that the library was making strides to provide access, at least to the internet, to the housing insecure in the community.

She also noted that five speakers have agreed to present TedX talks at the library on Oct. 17, and suggested that, because audiences are limited to 100, that it be a ticketed event.

G. Geiger accepted volunteers for the Centennial Committee. They are A. Super, G. Geiger and S. McGraw.

### **Committee Reports:**

Art Committee – No report.

Personnel – No report.

Publicity & Community Relations – No report.

**Director's Report.** S. Lyons sought and received the board's endorsement of her proposal to more strictly enforce the library's meeting room policy, particularly as it relates to the regular use of our facilities by a for-profit charter school on a more than once a week basis. Henceforth, facilities can be made available on a once a month basis to “groups that are not open to everybody.” Arrangements could be made to use the facilities more frequently on a fee basis.

**W. Weitzmann/ S. McGraw moved to go into executive session at 9:40 to discuss Smithfields options and discuss some personnel matters.**

**Executive session ended at 10:49**

**Old Business – None.**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM on a motion by C. Green/A. Super which carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Seamus McGraw, Board Secretary.