

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 remotely due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on May 28, 2021.

Present: Katherine Neville, Trudie Lear, Deborah Kuchinski, Erik Diemer, Danny Younger, Nereida Santiago, Dawn Migliacci

Absent: Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke, Debbie Kulick

Staff in attendance: Sue Lyons, Mary S. Erm, Julie Bonser

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 A.M. by Board President Katherine Neville.

E. Diemer/N. Santiago moved to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2021. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report –Copies of the treasurer's report were circulated before the meeting.
T. Lear/E. Diemer moved to approve the bills as presented. The motion carried.

J. Bonser gave the Youth Services Report

M. Erm gave the Adult Services report. She reported that the Book Clubs have adapted well to virtual meetings and are doing well. There was a question about fees for attending programs and Mary reported that all library programs are offered free of charge.

Committee Reports:

Personnel: K. Neville reported on the recent meeting of the Personnel Committee. The Committee recommended raising the tuition reimbursement from a maximum of \$200 per credit to \$250. E. Diemer/N. Santiago moved that the tuition reimbursement cap be raised to \$250 per credit and the motion carried.

Strategic Planning: T. Lear gave the report. The committee is examining what questions would be suitable for a community and staff survey. There were questions about library programming and collections. S. Lyons reported that we had an ESL program pre-Covid but the staff member who led the program is no longer working at the library. There was a recommendation to add books to the collection in languages other than English.

Publicity: T. Lear gave the report. There was a discussion of enhancing the library's presence on social media.

Fundraising: D. Kuchinski gave the report and discussed plans for the Eat, Shop and Play Bingo fundraiser. D. Migliacci discussed plans to do a fundraiser with Blue Studio on Ann Street, either with the Friends of the Library or the library directly.

K. Neville led additional discussion on plans for Web Site development, social media, a new library brochure, and volunteer opportunities. There was a discussion on the library's masking policy given the CDC's new guidelines. It was agreed that the library would continue requesting all patrons and staff to wear masks as children are still unable to receive the vaccine and many people in the county still have not been vaccinated.

Old Business – No news.

New Business –No news.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am on a motion by **E. Diemer/D. Migliacci**. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Lyons