

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 March 15, 2022.

Present: Danny Younger, Erik Diemer, Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke, Debbie Kulick, Aaron DeAngelo
Deborah Kuchinski, Trudie Lear, Dawn Migliacci, Joni Oye-Benintende

Absent:

Staff in attendance: Sue Lyons, Rose Hewitt, Cheryl Brice, Julie Bonser

President's Report: Things are beginning to return to "normal" at all three libraries

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

E. Diemer/D. Kulick moved to accept the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting as amended to change the word "commission" to "commissioners". The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –Copies of the treasurers report were circulated before the meeting.

E. Diemer/ B. B-C moved to approve the bills as presented and the measure passed unanimously. Erik said all the financials and balance sheet look very good.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Equipment – D. Migliacci would like to do a walk-thru of the Hughes library with Sue to be used as a baseline for future physical upgrades/replacements of the building.

Policy and Operation – Strategic Planning Committee: The decision was made to wait to talk to the Commissioners about increasing the library millage.

Fundraising: The committee would hope that there would be more support from board members for future programs.

Publicity & Community Relations: The Committee is ready to start the new campaign. Thank you to D. Kulick for the recent article about the library in the Pocono Record. She will be doing a follow-up article in the near future.

Personnel: No report. There was on-going discussion about staff salaries.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Smithfields: Indoor and outdoor programming is currently being scheduled.

PTL: Things are going smoothly. On June 4, the library will have a table as part of the community program

Director's Report – *A full copy had been distributed by email prior to the meeting.*

Sue Lyons is exploring the idea of going fine free. The library will still charge for damaged or lost books. There will be an automatic one-time renewal on borrowed books, etc. This will come before the policy committee before the next meeting.

On Tuesday, April 12, the library will host a speaker. He is a survivor from a Japanese internment camp. This will be advertised.

Adult Services Report – *A full copy had been distributed by email prior to the meeting.*

Youth Report: *A full copy had been distributed by email prior to the meeting.*

Old Business – None

New Business – No news

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 am on a motion by D. Kulick/E. Diemer. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke
Board Secretary