

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 February 21, 2023.

Present: Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke, Aaron DeAngelo, Erik Diemer, Pete Pappalardo, Dawn Migliacci

Trudie Lear, Joni Oye-Benintende, Danny Younger

Absent: Debbie Kulick

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:32A.M. by Board President Trudie Lear.

President's Remarks: T. Lear said thank you to all committee members and looked for good work moving forward.

Minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting: J. Benintende/E. Diemer moved to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

B. B-C/ J. Benintende moved to approve the bills as presented and the measure passed unanimously.

The balance sheet and financials all look good.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Equipment : There was a discussion about the outside lighting at Hughes. Of particular interest was the dimness of the recessed lighting in the overhang outside of the front door.

Policy and Operation – Strategic Planning Committee: A survey is being finalized that will be distributed to library staff and later to the general public. Staff will receive this within the next two weeks. If necessary, there may be some modification before going to patrons. It will be send via email, etc and possibly using a QR code. The email group consists of high patron users (7000-8000 people).

A separate discussion focused on how to draw teens to the library.

Fundraising – No report

Publicity & Community Relations: P. Pappalardo has written two articles for future publication.

Personnel: No report

Ad Hoc Committees:

Smithfields: Discussed the high energy use. The energy audit did not provide any answers. More research to be done.

PTL: A final decision about the fate of the township building, including the library, will be made next month.

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

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 - None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 am on a motion by E. Diemer/D. Migliacci. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke
Board Secretary**