

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 21, 2023.

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

Trudie Lear, Joni Oye-Benintende, Danny Younger, Debbie Kulick

Absent:

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

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

President's Remarks: T. Lear announced that a new person was hired in Youth Services.

Minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting: D. Kulick/P. Pappalardo moved to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

D. Kulick/ B. B-C moved to approve the bills as presented and the measure passed unanimously. The balance sheet and financials all look good and are slightly ahead of last year. The library is beginning to receive some tax revenue.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Equipment : S. Lyons talked about the solar panels that have been installed and info about the café. More information will be forthcoming on the ceiling tiles upstairs in Hughes.

Policy and Operation – Strategic Planning Committee: The survey to be used for the strategic plan needs to be reworked. The survey will be redone using Survey Monkey in order to get better information.

Fundraising – No report – D. Kulick and T. Lear will be meeting soon.

Publicity & Community Relations: D. Kulick will be doing an article on the solar panels for the Pocono Record.

Personnel: No report

Ad Hoc Committees:

Smithfields: The library is busy with much programming being done. An exhibition by women artists has been very popular, increasing visitation to the library.

PTL: Nothing new

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.*
There was a short discussion about helping to soundproof the meeting and proctor rooms.

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

The STEM programs for ages K-5 have been successful.

J. Bonser discussed creating a designated teen space. S. Lyons suggested the possibility of applying for a Hughes grant next year for this purpose.

Old Business - None

New Business – It is time to create a search committee for a new library director. T. Lear will shortly send out an email requesting interested board members to join.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39am on a motion by E. Diemer/J. Benintende. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke
Board Secretary