

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 on April 15, 2023.

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

Trudie Lear, Joni Oye-Benintende

Absent: Danny Younger, Debbie Kulick

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 A.M. by Board President Trudie Lear.

President's Remarks: T. Lear announced that the solar panels are installed. There are a number of Board projects in the works particularly the Café reinstatement and Library Director Search Committee.

Minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting: E. Diemer/P. Pappalardo moved to accept the minutes of the March 21, 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. The library is beginning to receive some tax revenue. The bulk of tax revenue comes in during May and June.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Equipment :The vertical blinds on the 1st floor will be taken down and replaced with solar shades. New bookcases are on order.

A report on the Café was given. There were two viable candidates. Hopefully the operation will be up and running by June. E. Diemer/A. DeAngelo moved to hire Deborah Kuchinski to take over running the Café. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy and Operation – Strategic Planning Committee: The committee is looking to buy a new survey tool for use in planning. The Board voted (D. Migliacci/B. B-C) to approve buying this package for a cost of up to \$150.

Fundraising – No report

Publicity & Community Relations: No report

Personnel: No report

Ad Hoc Committees:

Smithfields: No report

PTL: Nothing new

Director's Report – *A full copy had been distributed by email prior to the meeting.*
The next Hughes Grant is due at the end of April

Adult Services Report – *A full copy had been distributed by email prior to the meeting.*
The local Credit Union has been holding financial literacy classes. During this month (April) there will be an open mic poetry reading session.

Youth Report: *A full copy had been distributed by email prior to the meeting.*
Youth Services is getting ready for the summer reading program. They are having a lot of successful programs. They have partnered with Northampton CC, who has received a grant for childrens' programming. This year the program is Candy STEM. The programs highlight science and art with candy. The funding comes from NCC and the library personnel present the program. T. Lear led a discussion about possible game nights for teens. Board games are popular now with teens,

Old Business - None

New Business – **The** Director's Search Committee has met to review the job description. There was talk about the selection process and interview protocol. The tentative time line: the position will be posted in August and will offer the position by Thanksgiving. The salary range is \$75,000-\$85,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35am on a motion by E. Diemer/D. Migliacci. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke
Board Secretary