

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 August 15, 2023.

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

Absent:

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

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

President's Remarks: T. Lear is amazed at the high level of staff creativity and large public participation in the presented programs. She also outlined the current workings among the board committees.

Minutes of the July 18, 2023 meeting: E. Diemer/D. Kulick moved to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

T. Lear/J. Benintende moved to approve the bills as presented and the measure passed unanimously.

E. Diemer stated that the books look good and that the outstanding revenue will trickle in throughout the year.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Equipment : S. Lyons has received a proposal for replacing windows that are in bad shape. The cost will be paid from monies earmarked as the building fund.

Policy and Operation – Strategic Planning Committee: The committee will be meeting soon now that vacations are over.

A subcommittee of the board hope to meet with the county commissioners, just post-election, to talk about raising the millage for the library by 10%. This can be done without a referendum.

Fundraising – There was a discussion of possible fundraising activities

Publicity & Community Relations: T. Lear is hoping to publically share the activities of the libraries.

Personnel: No report

Ad Hoc Committees:

Smithfields: Solar panels should be installed on the building by the end of this fall.

PTL - No Report

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

The Hughes Library will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, August 21-22 for renovations. New carpeting will be installed.

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

Adult services has been busy this month. The Tiny Art projects are on display at the top of the stairs thru the end of August. Bingo has been very popular.

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

Youth services has been very busy this summer. A search is underway for a part-time person in that department.

Director Search Committee: There are currently 4 applicants for the position. J. Benintende, search chair,

Reviewed the timeline for interview/hiring process. The job posting will run thru the end of August. The first interview with candidates will occur in early September. She discussed the interview protocol and the various committees (staff and board) that will be part of the search process.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am on a motion by A. DeAngelo/D. Migliacci. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom at 8:30 am on September 19, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke
Board Secretary