

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 20, 2024.

Present: Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke, Debbie Kulick, Trudie Lear, Dawn Migliacci Pete Pappalardo, Joni Oye-Benintende, Aaron DeAngelo, Deborah Emin, Judy Magann

Absent:

Staff in attendance: Rose Hewitt, Cheryl Brice

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Board President Trudie Lear.

President's Remarks: T. Lear introduced the District Consultant, Erin Morrow, who joined this morning's meeting.

Minutes of the July 16, 2024 meeting: D. Kulick/J. Benintende moved to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2024 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

B. B-C/ D. Kulick moved to approve the current bills as presented and the measure passed unanimously.

The financials are in good shape.

Committee Reports:

Buildings and Equipment : Committee members met with T. Nauman concerning the roof overhang that is badly in need of repair. He wants to do some preliminary demolition in order to see the extent of the damage. Funds to pay for this will come out of library reserves.

The courtyard project committee is in the process of getting vendor quotes. It was suggested that electrical work must be done prior to putting up a fence. This discussion was tabled until next meeting.

Nauman has the garage door by bookmobile bay ready to be installed.

Policy and Operation: The local author policy was discussed. A. DeAngelo/J. Magann moved to eliminate this policy. The motion passed unanimously.

A. DeAngelo/D. Emin moved to accept the numerous policies regarding Collection Development and Maintenance. The motion passed unanimously.

Fundraising – R. Hewitt L. Crooks and J. Magann have led the effort to put together a fundraiser entitled Corks & Classics. It will be held at Renegade Winery on Wednesday, October 2 from 6-8. The cost is \$25 per person. Books will be given away every 15 minutes.

Publicity & Community Relations: No report

Personnel: No report

Ad Hoc Committees:

Smithfields: Looking for ways to increase attendance at their sponsored programs.

PTL: It may be 2 years before a new space for this branch is available.

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 – The new benches for Hughes will be installed by the 24th of this month. A meeting composed of B. B-C, D. Migliacci, and D. Emin will work to compose a MOA with Merakey concerning their clients' activities at the library.

New Business – A. DeAngelo, J. Magann, and D. Emin will be on the Finance Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 am on a motion by J. Benintende/D. Migliacci. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held in person at 8:30 am on September 17, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke
Board Secretary**