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 February 18, 2025.

Present: Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke, Trudie Lear, Dawn Migliacci, Aaron DeAngelo Judy Magann, Wanda Lesoine

Absent: Jason Phillips, Debbie Kulick, Pete Pappalardo

Staff in attendance: Cheryl Brice, Rose Hewitt, Julie Bonser, Hope Kuchinski, Suzanne Campbell (Pocono Township branch) Jason Vigorito (MCCF)

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

President's Remarks: T. Lear indicated that next month's meeting will by hybrid. Hopefully the weather will be accommodating. Wanda Lesoine was officially welcomed as the newest board member.

Minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting: J. Magann/D. Migliacci moved to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –Copies of the treasurers report were circulated before the meeting. B. B-C/J. Magann moved to approve the current bills as presented and the measure passed unanimously.

Tax money is just starting to come in to the library.

Committee Reports:

<u>Buildings and Equipment</u>: Nauman has not provided quotes yet to finish the roof overhang project. The garden area work will continue once the weather gets warmer.

Policy and Operation: None

<u>Fundraising</u> – J. Magann, Rose, and Linda have put together a fundraiser called Plant Bingo. The event will be held in the Community Room at Hughes library. Each ticket is \$45 and includes bingo cards, food, and plants. A representative from Tolino Winery will be there to sell glasses of wine. It is hoped that the event will attract the community room maximum capacity. The plants will come from the Potting Shed in Stroudsburg.

Publicity & Community Relations: None

Personnel: None

Ad Hoc Committees:

Smithfields: A meeting between the library staff and Annette Atkinson, chair board of Supervisors was strongly suggested to occur. The purpose of the meeting is to clarify who is responsible for taking care of the community room. The library is a tenant, not an owner.

<u>PTL</u>: Cheryl and Suzanne gave an update on the township move. It is still in limbo. A committee will be formed to look into options for moving their book club locations and patrons.

Director's Report – *A full copy had been distributed by email prior to the meeting.*There was a discussion about a memorial bench in the courtyard from the Mikulski bequest. Cheryl Brice gave a review of items to be included in the Hughes grant request.
The property committee will meet to review the alarm/cameras/lighting upgrades.

Adult Services Report – *A full copy had been distributed by email prior to the meeting.* New programming includes a recipe exchange. March will see a mac-n-cheese program and a wealth of other programs.

Youth Report: A full copy had been distributed by email prior to the meeting. The LEGO and therapy dog sessions were very well attended. Teen attendance is picking up.

Old Business – Jason Vigorito (library staff person) gave a report on what he does when he works in the jail library. He is there usually there 2 days per week from 9-3:30 and sees approximately 150-200 individuals.

New Business - None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 am on a motion by D. Migliacci/J. Magann. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held remotely and in person at 8:30 am on March 18, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke Board Secretary