

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 January 21, 2025.

**Present:** Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke, Trudie Lear, Dawn Migliacci, Debbie Kulick, Aaron DeAngelo  
Pete Pappalardo, Judy Magann, Jason Phillips

**Guest:** Wanda Lesoine, prospective board member

**Staff in attendance:** Cheryl Brice, Rose Hewitt, Julie Bonser, Hope Kuchinski

**The meeting was called to order at 8:31 A.M. by Board President Trudie Lear.**

**President's Remarks:** T. Lear reviewed the slate of officers to be elected:

T. Lear, President

D. Migliacci, Vice President

B. Buzzelli-Clarke, Secretary

A. DeAngelo, Treasurer.

P. Pappalardo/D. Kulick moved to accept the proposed slate. The motion passed unanimously.

Jason Phillips was introduced as our new member from Middle Smithfield/Smithfield.

Wanda Lesoine was also introduced as a perspective board member to replace J. Benintende.

**Minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting:** D. Kulick/J. Magann moved to accept the minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

The treasurer's report was distributed prior to the meeting. There were no concerns.

**Committee Reports:** T. Lear said that information about new committee sign-ups will be sent to board members in the near future.

**Buildings and Equipment** : T. Nauman has not given word as to when the underside of the roof hang will be completed. The courtyard project was discussed and is coming along. It was decided that it is best to hold off putting up the fence until after the landscaping has been done.

**Policy and Operation:** None

**Fundraising** – It is time to think about fundraiser opportunities for the coming year.

**Publicity & Community Relations:** D. Kulick gave an overview of her last submission to the Pocono Record on dementia.

**Personnel:** B. B-C introduced W. Lesoine as a member to be approved by the board.

**Ad Hoc Committees:**

**Smithfields:** J. Phillips will be getting a tour of the facility as their new representative.

**PTL:** There has been no response by the Township folks following C. Brice's letter. Her letter asked for information concerning the move and their plans for the library.

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

C. Brice reminded the board members that the Conflict of Interest form must be completed each year. It is now time for this to be done. Discussion ensued about issues related to homeless individuals and Merakey spending many hours at the library per day.

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

There will be a lot of new programs along with the regular programs offered for adults in the coming year. Collaboration with community partners has been quite successful.

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

The first program of the year was very successful with over 50 participants.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – It was suggested that there may be an opportunity to talk with the Prison Board in order to get money to supplement the efforts of the library at the facility. We are asking Jason Vigorito, who is the library resource person there, to come to the next meeting for additional information.

**The Board went into executive session for 5 minutes at 10:17**

**Upon returning from executive session, a motion was made to approve Wanda Lesoine as a new board member. The motion passed unanimously. The appointment will be sent to the Commissioners for their approval.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am on a motion by D. Migliacci/P. Pappalardo. The motion passed unanimously.

**The next meeting will be held remotely at 8:30 am on February 18, 2025.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Betsy Buzzelli-Clarke  
Board Secretary**

