

Eastern Monroe Public Library
Board of Directors Regular Meeting of 21 April 2009

Present: T. Weitzmann, M. Liberman, B. Murphy, B. Huffman, L. Jenkins, J. Morganthau

Absent: L. Kline, N. Flynn, B. Brodman

Staff: B. Keiser, M. Erm

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 by T. Weitzmann.

M. Liberman asked that the minutes reflect that while he understood and supported her rationale, he did not want her to leave the board.

The minutes of the March 17, 2009 meeting were approved as amended on a motion by BM/LJ. Carried.

President's Report – T. Weitzmann emphasized that the committee assignments as distributed by email are still in flux. He requested that any corrections to contact information be reported to library office for distribution to all board members.

Treasurer's Report - M. Liberman reviewed the financial statements as distributed and reported that tax income will be reviewed in June or July after the majority of collection is in. He reported on efforts to get comparative CD rates from Anthony Diaz and also made three committee recommendations:

1. **The Library will cancel the PNC line of credit. Motion LJ/BH. Carried.**
2. **The Board will invite and consider proposals from banks interested in library business every three years, but not in the same year that audit goes out for bid. No motion because the recommendation considered to be a procedural matter to be part of the board policy manual under construction.**
3. **Recommendation to Purchase an additional \$50,000 CD with Smith-Barney to complete 2-year ladder. Motion JM/LJ. Carried.**

ML/BH moved to approve the bills. Carried

BM/BH moved to approve/file the Treasurer's Report for audit. Carried.

Committee Reports: (Committees are listed based on by-laws)

T. Weitzmann expressed hope that the unofficial By-Laws committee would revised committee list based on current need.

Property/Buildings and Equipment – No Report

Policy and Operations – L. Jenkins reported.

Committee presenting two policies for approval:
Eastern Monroe Public Library Policy on Parental Responsibilities
Eastern Monroe Public Library Behavior Policy

Board members suggested the following conventions and modifications:

Consistent use of Eastern Monroe Public Library hereafter as Library with capitols as noted.

Posted dates at the end of each policy as originally passed and most recent review or modification.

In Parental Responsibilities policy, change word "pecuniary" to "financial", and remove redundant phrase "for the safety and behavior."

Approve Eastern Monroe Public Library Policy on Parental Responsibilities and Eastern Monroe Public Library Behavior Policy as edited. Motion JM/BM. Carried.

L. Jenkins reminded the board that “Borrowing” and “Materials and Recovery” will be the next policies to be reviewed.

Publicity/Community Relations. No report. B. Keiser requested that the annual volunteer recognition activity come under this committee and mentioned that the Sunday luncheon organized by Betty Murphy and circulation head Rikki Brodman was such a hard act to follow that another format might be considered.

Personnel – No Report.

Ad-hoc Committees:

Smithfields Task Force - B. Keiser reported there will be a task force meeting before the next Board meeting and mentioned that she will convene it. The task force will have to decide recommend the details of its future and leadership to the Board.

By-laws, Planning, Local History, Nominating and Fundraising – No report.

Director’s Report – B.Keiser noted her written report was distributed in the monthly mailing. Mary Erm reported on the progress of summer reading program planning.

Old Business – None.

New Business

Board vacancy as a result of L. Jenkins resignation.

Motion ML/JM to accept L. Jenkins rescinding of her resignation. Carried.

B. Keiser will announce summer meeting locations at branches at the May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15.