

The regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Monroe Public Library was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. at the Hughes library.

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

Absent: L. Jenkins, N. Flynn

Staff: S. Butler, B. Keiser

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by T. Weitzmann

**JM/BB moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009, meeting, as presented. Carried.**

**President's Report** – No Report

**Treasurer's Report** - M. Liberman reported that the library is about 3% ahead on tax revenues over last year for the same period.

He distributed copies of the Smith Barney breakdown of investments and reviewed a proposal submitted by Anthony Diaz of First Allied Securities to handle the library investments similar to the way they are currently being handled by Smith Barney. Costs were comparable.

It was reported that the current annual income from the investments with Smith Barney is about \$16,000.

**LK/BB moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Carried.**

B. Keiser reported the library is on track with acquisitions. She explained we have stopped getting some print reference resources in favor of electronic resources.

She noted that the State budget cuts may impact significantly on the EMPL budget for 2010.

There was some discussion on a letter writing campaign to representatives regarding the State budget in reference to libraries.

B. Keiser will be putting more info on the web site regarding letter writing to representatives.

**BM/JM moved to approve the bills as presented. Carried.**

**Buildings and Equipment** – Property – B. Huffman – no report

**Policies** – B. Keiser reported that “Materials Recovery” and “Borrowing” policies are currently being reviewed for updates and/or revisions. The staff has made some changes over the years without bringing everything to the Board. Annual reviews of policies will keep everything up to date.

**Personnel Committee** – The Personnel Committee will meet to discuss the Geisinger proposal for health insurance and a possible upgrade of the current dental plan.

**Ad hoc – Smf Taskforce** – B. Keiser prepared a written report regarding the available spaces that were investigated by the taskforce.

She explained that the current branch at Foxmoor may be suffering due to the fact that Foxmoor Village does not have a busy commercial operation to bring in patrons.

T. Weitzmann asked if there was a sense from the taskforce as to accessibility versus a campus setting for a new branch. The sense seemed to be accessibility is favored.

L. Kline suggested the next meeting of the task force should meet with Kevin Kennedy to look at the Echo Lake property.

B. Keiser will convene the next meeting of the Taskforce and a chairperson will be determined at that meeting.

J. Morganthau will contact Smf regarding costs on the Smf property.

B. Keiser noted the library’s budget cannot afford a commercial lease.

**Director’s Report** – B. Keiser reviewed her written report. She reported on the programs on Staff Development Day – Stroud Regional Police, Women’s Resources, and a program reviewing customer service. There were guests from Barrett and Pocono Mtn. libraries. EMPL was closed all day.

The bookmobile was in attendance at an ES borough event held on Sat, May 16. It was quite busy. She reported that the bookmobile now has broadband wireless connection.

**Old Business** – The Board was reminded there is a need to appoint a Board member to work with staff on the Volunteer Recognition event. L. Kline and J. Morganthau agreed to help.

**New Business** – The July Board meeting will be held at PTL and the Sept meeting will be at Smf.

B. Murphy suggested a possible fund raiser - an auction at a concert at the Sherman.

B. Huffman suggested there is a real need for the library to get out and fundraise. It was noted that we cannot expect the public to just give the library money if we are not trying to raise some ourselves.

B. Murphy agreed to be the chair of the ad hoc Fund Raising committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44.