The regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Monroe Public Library was held on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. at the Hughes Library.

Present: T. Weitzmann, M. Liberman, J. Morganthau, B. Ewen, A. Stevens-Arroyo, J. Field

Absent: L. Duponte, P. Gibson

Staff: M. Erm, M. Steen

Guests: Tony Konn (ESSA)

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by T. Weitzmann.

The Board went into executive session at 8:32 to hear Tony Konn's report.
The Board came out of executive session at 9:30.

ML/AS-A moved to approach Schuchman with an offer of $1 million for the Smithfield property with John Prevoznik negotiating. Carried.

ML/JM moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 20, 2011 meeting, as presented. Carried.

President's Report – Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – M. Liberman reported that the library is within $50,000 of its budgeted local tax revenue. He will be calling a meeting with the finance committee to review the 2012 budget. Personnel committee will make recommendations for staff salaries. Medical costs are up 11%.
M. Erm told the Board that the Quilter's Guild has offered to donate a quilt to the library to raffle. There is a $100 application fee.

AS-A/JM moved to approve the application providing there are no red flags pending review by J. Prevoznik. Carried.

JF/AS-A moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

JM/BE moved to approve the bills as presented. Carried.

Buildings and Equipment – No report as of this date from Strunk/Albert.

Publicity & Community Relations – A. Stevens-Arroyo held a meeting with B. Ewen and P. Gibson. More details will be discussed next meeting.

Policy and Operations – J. Morganthau reported that there is no vote this month on the new Board manual.

Personnel – The Committee did not meet. They will need to address staff budget for 2012.

SMF Task Force –

Long Term Planning – B. Ewen reported that the committee has met, and the strategic plan is coming along. They will further determine how priorities should be set.

Nominating Committee – Nothing to report.

Director's Report – B. Keiser was attending a Family Place Training conference with J. Bonser. She forwarded her report to each Board Member.

Old Business – T. Weitzmann reported that both the drainage issue with Niles Possinger and the solar panels issue with Monroe Optical have not been resolved.

New Business – J. Field wished to thank all involved with planning the lovely volunteer banquet.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 am on a motion by TW/ML .