

The regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Monroe Public Library was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. at the Smf Township Branch of the Eastern Monroe Public Library.

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

Staff: S. Butler, B. Keiser,

Guests: S. Gardner, Easton Area Public Library

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

BH/JM moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009, meeting, as presented. Carried.

President's Report –No report

Treasurer's Report - M. Liberman reported on the financials. Tax revenues are ahead of budget and state income is slightly under.

The finance committee will be scheduling a meeting prior to the October board meeting to begin preliminary discussion on the 2010 budget.

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

B. Keiser highlighted some of the bills for explanation to the Board.

She explained the library is receiving \$100.00 worth of free gasoline for the bookmobile, per month from Parker Oil.

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

Buildings and Equipment – B. Keiser reported that an out of town firm wants to give the library an estimate on the HVAC system maintenance. They are quite anxious to make a presentation to the Board. It was suggested the Building committee schedule a presentation.

Personnel Committee – T. Weitzmann reported the committee has been meeting and still working on some of the Personnel policies.

A couple of personnel policies will be ready for Board action at the October or November Board meeting.

Policy – L. Jenkins presented two policies for review and approval by the Board.

ML/JM moved to approve Children's Room Policy as corrected. Carried.

ML/JM moved to approve Youth Services Policy as corrected. Carried.

All policies will be noted as approved by the Board and a date.

Nominating Committee – L. Jenkins reported there is a need to send out letters to the Districts for appointment for vacancies and/or re-appointments. A letter was sent regarding the vacancy left by Ned Flynn's resignation.

Smf taskforce – Will set up another meeting and are still discussing options.

Director's Report – B. Keiser reported there is a patron from Pocono Township who is interested in serving on the Board. She has been encouraged to contact the township.

Fundraising – B. Murphy reported on an idea for book purchases as a fund raising idea. This idea will be discussed further after the budget is complete.

B. Keiser proposed the library start accepting credit cards. The only thing that has held us back on this issue has been the costs. It was suggested the library investigate PayPal.

Buy a Book will be a definite fund raising option in some form this year.

B. Keiser highlighted her written report. L. Kline recommended that everyone take time to review the distributed materials prior to the meeting in order to save time at the Board meetings.

B. Keiser reported that she had an opportunity to speak at the Torch Club to promote library services.

As of October 2, all Philadelphia libraries will be closed if there is no State budget.

There was preliminary discussion on the possibility of cuts from State Aid. It was noted that it would probably impact the database purchases.

Two key facts from state email – all programs could be cut 38%. All services could be cut by 1/3.

EMPL needs to consider what/how cuts might impact services to out of county patrons.

B. Keiser introduced Susan Gardner, District Consultant from Easton. She spoke briefly about the potential impact to services if there are significant cuts.

B. Keiser explained the databases are heavily used.

She reported the Volunteer Luncheon plans are mostly complete. Board members were encouraged to turn in their RSVP's as soon as possible.

B. Keiser will not be at the October Board meeting, she will be attending PaLA.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business – No New Business

The meeting adjourned at 9:35.