

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, December 12, 2022
3:00 pm.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, December 12, 2022. President Mrs. Walker called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Present: Mrs. Walker, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Long, Mr. Lake, and Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs. Mr. Reilly and Mrs. van Horne-Brett were absent. Also present Jennifer Long, Director and Sheila Wolff, Business Manager.

Interested Citizens: None

Consent Agenda: A motion was made to accept the consent agenda by Mr. Lake and was seconded by Ms. Long. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Communications: None.

Reports on Executive Sessions: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Director's Report: Mrs. Long thanked the Friends of the Library for all their long hard work for the Book Sale. The Book Sale brought in over \$7,400.00 for the Library. The Library also thanks Lafayette College's Lacrosse team who helped set up and break down the bookshelves for the sale.

Mrs. Tortelli, Mrs. Renzulli and Mrs. Long attended Cheston Elementary School a kindergarteners and their families for a story time and register the parents for library cards. Mrs. Long and Mr. Sheddan met with the Sigel Museum to plan the updating of our shared hosting of their collection holdings.

Old Business: Mrs. Long and Mrs. Morrow met with Rachel Sulzbach from Forks Township Park and Recreations to discuss possible future programs. The Palmer Branch reopened on November 21", after a mini makeover thanks to the Morris bequest. New carpet was installed throughout, the children's area has been relocated and new furniture has been ordered with delivery dates of January. Ms. Cardell and her team were very organized and some worked at the Main Library during the shutdown. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Long virtually met with Mr. David Belanger to discuss the proposal and time line. Mr. Belanger will attend January's Board of Directors meeting to discuss the process and engage the Board in its first exercise.

New Business: The Annual Appeal has brought in \$8,200 for the Library. It will remain open through January. The Library began the fine free policy in June. We now bill for an item as lost after 14 days of the item due date. In the past, it was 60 days. We now receive 81% return of lost items in contrast of 12% lost items being returned in the six months prior. The patrons are extremely happy with the new policy. Since May, almost all Easton Library District libraries are fine free. It has been a great success.

Ms. Long made a motion to adjourn at 3:55 pm. and was seconded by Mr. Lake. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Next EAPL Board meeting: January 9, 2023

Next EASD Board meeting: January 24, 2023

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila Wolff, Recording Secretary