

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, December 11, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, December 11, 2023 President Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Present: Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Walker, Ms. Long and Mrs. van Horne-Brett via Zoom, Mr. Reilly and Mr. Lake were absent. Also, present Jennifer Long, Director, and Sheila Wolff, Business Manager.

Interested Citizens: Ms. Carol Inman of Easton, PA.

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

Communications: None. We would like to thank Ms. Carol Inman for writing a Letter to the Editor of the Express Times about the importance of Libraries and to support them.

Reports on Executive Sessions: None.

Committee Reports: None

Director's Report: Mrs. Long highlighted from her report, Thank you to the Friends of the Library for raising over \$9,000 from the Book Sale. Thank you also to the Lafayette College's Lacrosse team for taking down the shelves. The next book sale will be April 24th -29th. Youth Quake raised over \$90 at the book sale selling book marks. They will use this money to do their programming. The Library shelves now have shelf talker cards that suggest books that were made into movies or television shows. The Library hosted an AAUW meeting which all the Lehigh Valley Directors attended. The meeting was about concerns over books bans and building connections. Thank you to the AAUW for recognizing that Libraries are important to our communities. Palmer Branch was closed November 14th-17th due to a pipe bursting in the men's room ceiling and flooding the hallway. The Library opened on Saturday November 18th. The cove molding and sheet rock in the hall, ceiling in the bathroom and some minor patches still need to be completed.

Old Business: Mrs. Long reported on the Strategic Planning, Mr. Belanger and Mrs. Long rescheduled to meet in January, due to scheduling issues.

New Business:

Mrs. Wolff reported the final Book Sale amount raised was \$9374.00. The Annual Appeal is in progress, currently \$8689.00 has been donated.

Mrs. Long informed the Board of a new resource sharing starting in late January or February with Nazareth Library. Nazareth Library will be added to our daily delivery schedule.

Mrs. Long updated the Board on the P&P committee's question on why we are not in the state's database for nonprofits. We are an unincorporated nonprofit and therefore cannot be listed. We will be adding a statement into our By-laws about this. We are waiting on the formal wording from our attorney.

Ms. Walker made a motion to adjourn at 4:50 and was seconded by Ms. Long. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wolff

Recording Secretary

