

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, January 9, 2023

3:00 pm.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, January 9, 2023. President Mrs. Walker called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Present: Mrs. Walker, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Lake, and Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs. Mr. Reilly joined at 3:30pm and Mrs. van Horne-Brett and Ms. Long were absent. Also present Jennifer Long, Director and Sheila Wolff, Business Manager.

Interested Citizens: Judy Brunswick, Palmer Township, Freda Scarpa, Palmer Township and Helen Glickman of Nazareth. Mrs. Brunswick asked why the AARP tax aide was not meeting at the Library according to the Morning Call newspaper article. She was informed that AARP decided not to hold it here this year and the newspaper already was contacted for a correction that the Easton Area Public Library is not closed. Mrs. Brunswick then asked if another group could help with taxes. She was informed they would need to apply and see if it fits the needs of the Library. Mrs. Scarpa asked why the Drake Room was not open for the Adult Skills group. She was informed that it was decided in past meeting that the Drake Room is not being rented out anymore, we are using it for Library programs and the Adult Skills has been meeting in the Library every Thursday.

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

Communications: None.

Reports on Executive Sessions: None.

Committee Reports: Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs reported the Personnel and Policy Committee continue to review the general policies. Today they meet with Mrs. Tortorelli, Youth Services Coordinator, to review the children's policies.

Director's Report: Mrs. Long thanked the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the Youth Services Cookie Decoration program. 51 patrons participated. The Library has the Communi Tree up in the Circulation area. Patrons and staff donate hats, scarves and gloves for those who need.

Old Business: None

New Business: The annual appeal has brought in donations of \$12,493.61. We were notified of a savings bond, which the Library will benefit from upon completion of an estate.

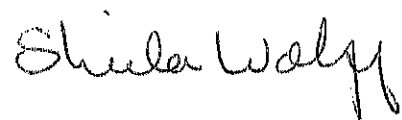
Mr. David Belanger spoke to the Board of Directors about his background, the Strategic Planning process, and its importance. The Board participated in an exercise that the staff did earlier in the day.

Mr. Thomas made a motion to adjourn at 4:15 pm. and was seconded by Mr. Lake. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Next EAPL Board meeting: February 13, 2023

Next EASD Board meeting: February 21, 2023 Mr. Thomas will be reporting

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila Wolff". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Sheila Wolff, Recording Secretary