

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, March 11, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, March 11, 2024. President Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Present: Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Walker, Ms. Long, Mr. Lake, Mr. Reilly. Mrs. van Horne-Brett was 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 Ms. Long and was seconded by Mr. Lake. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Communications: The AAUW, Easton chapter, presented the Gateway to Equity Award, recognizing the library's dedication to equity through advocacy, education and research. It was presented to Jennifer Long, Director for the Library and to Katie Cardell for the Palmer Branch.

Reports on Executive Sessions: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Director's Report: Mrs. Long highlighted from her report, she was asked to speak at the PA Library Association's Legislative Information meeting. Mrs. Long spoke about staffing challenges. The Library started resource sharing with Nazareth Library on February 27<sup>th</sup>. In less than two weeks, 89 items have been sent to Nazareth and 37 to our Library from Nazareth. The Lehigh Valley Airport celebrated their 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary partnership with the ABE Libraries by unveiling a second bookshelf for the Libraries to stock for passengers. Our Library participated in the PaLA's Frontline, Online virtual workshops, where 8 employees who are frontline employees were able to earn continuing education credits.

Old Business: Strategic Planning will have a meeting on March 27, 4:00-7:00 pm. to plan the next phase of the process.

We are planning on starting resource sharing with all Lehigh Valley Libraries, except Hellertown, Northampton and Mary Meuser Libraries, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Personnel and Policy Committee will meet on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. via Zoom to review salaries for 2024-2025. The Finance Committee will plan to meet after March 19<sup>th</sup> to review and adopt next year's budget. We will be presenting the 2024-2025 budget to the School Board on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: A volunteer reception is planned for April 10 from 3:00-5:00 to recognize the Friends for the Catharine Drake Room renovations and the new name.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wolff  
Recording Secretary