

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, November 13, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at the Palmer Branch. President Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Present: Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Lake, Mrs. Walker, Ms. Long and Mrs. van Horne-Brett, Mr. Reilly 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: None.

Reports on Executive Sessions: None

Committee Reports: Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs reported that an adhoc committee of Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Tortorelli, Mrs. Long and herself was formed to review a patron's request to reshelve a book. The patron requested that the book *It's Perfectly Normal* by Robbi Harris, be moved to higher shelves to have it accessible to older children only. The committee recommends the book remain where it is currently shelved. Mrs. Long and Mrs. Tortorelli, Children's Coordinator, will reply to the patron.

Director's Report: Mrs. Long highlighted from her report, The Library was invited to have a table with other community services at the Easton Area School District's in service day where we connected with the teachers. Nurture Nature is partnering with the Library for a NOAA grant to provide programming on climate change for the next 4 years. PALA members were updated on the state budget. The budget is still on pause. The language on how to distribute the money is still in debate. Representative Freeman met with Jennifer Long and Erin Morrow on November 10 to see Harrisburg's update on the situation. We have templates, if you would like to write a letter to encourage the state to get the language written and money distributed. Thursday November 16, the AAUW organization will be meeting with the local Library Directors to discuss how they can help if any libraries have book challenges or banning requests.

Old Business: Mrs. Long reported on the Strategic Planning, Mr. Belanger had a medical procedure. The planning was put on pause for November. We will continue to finalize in December. Thank You to the Friends and the Lafayette lacrosse players who broke down the book sale extremely quickly.

New Business:

Ms. Cardell presented the Palmer Branch annual report. Notes are attached.

Mrs. Wolff reported the Book Sale is still in progress, today is bag sale which historically brings in \$500.00. To date the Book Sale total is \$8857.30.

Ms. Walker made a motion to adjourn at 5:05 and was seconded by Mr. Thomas. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wolff

Recording Secretary

