

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, October 9, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, October 9, 2023. 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. Mrs. van Horne-Brett and Mr. Reilly 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: We received a letter from an attorney that Mr. Walter Trbovic has bequeathed \$50,000.00 to the Library's General Endowment.

Reports on Executive Sessions: None

Committee Reports: None

Director's Report: Mrs. Long highlighted from her report. Quilt Week sponsored by Chris Swan Fund and The Friends of the Library, led by Ellen Heath, was a huge success. It begins with an introduction to quilting talk, sewing machine 1 on 1 help, a children's sewing class, a talk on PA Dutch Quilt superstitions and folklores with exhibit of over 30 private collection and Saturday's exhibit of our quilting club exhibit, which still had 85 visitors in the rain. The Library is launching a new campaign for instant access through Overdrive for people with no Library card. It is a 6 month access. After the 6 month, you are to come and sign up for a card. This is being advertised in the local community centers with posters and flyers. We welcomed the Palmer Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> graders for tours. The Library manned a table at the middle school's teachers in-service day where other 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers would like to schedule tours. Palmer Township has started construction outside the Palmer Branch for an Indigenous Peoples' community garden.

Old Business: Mrs. Long reported Focus Groups were held on September 26. We had 9 attend. One group met at the Palmer Branch and one met here. We had a nice mix of ages and services used. Next, we have the Steering Committee and any Board members wishing to attend look at the focus group and survey results.

New Business: Mrs. Walker proposed changing the name of the meeting room and the Board Room. Discussion followed. Mrs. Walker motioned to change the name of the meeting room and the Board Room and was seconded by Mr. Lake. By voice vote Mr. Lake, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Luhrs-Ramirez voted yes, Ms. Long abstained. The name and change to take place in April.

Ms. Long made a motion to adjournment at 5:00 and was seconded by Mr. Lake. By voice vote all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wolff  
Recording Secretary

