

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 11, 2016

6:30 pm at the EHFP Branch

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Joanne Rocznik; Andrea Pascal; Maureen Gillis; Dawn Barlow; Eileen Schwartz; Celina Nelan; John Bielot, Vicki Riley

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gilroy and Roger Stube

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Maureen Gillis at 6:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the July 14, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Maureen Gillis made a motion to thank Lucille Gardner for her service to the Library System. Dawn seconded and everyone concurred.

REPORTS:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Today's final read with teachers was a great success. The teacher reading today was our own Celina Nelan and the entire 2nd grade team.

There was discussion about the status of the EHFP building transfer. When Michael meets with the First Selectman later this month he will bring a copy of a letter the Reading Room Association sent in February to the Selectman's office and move forward on clarifying any questions so that the Probate office can move forward on the transfer.

The Books for Babies program will move forward. The books will be purchased with funds from the SRF. Michael will write a letter which the town will include in mailings to newborn families.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE:

Library is operating on budget. Capital improvements are in process at both branches.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The Program Committee meets on September 6th at the EHFP Branch. The Comer Memorial Celebration will need to be discussed and someone will have to pick up the lead from Lucille. Joanne will invite Bob Casner, Emmet Lyman and Melissa Ziobron to get their buy in and roles in the celebration.

Governance:

There was no report this month. Michael will make sure the new trustee applications are posted on the various websites. The committee will most likely need to meet before Oct to review trustee applications to make recommendations to fill the current vacancy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Handicap Access – Michael will ask Ron Turner to provide us the name of the firm/person so that we can get a study/estimate to make both library's handicap accessible.

Meeting to plan September 24 Open House will be Monday, August 15 at 7:30.

NEW BUSINESS:

Handicap Access: The trustees are concerned about the libraries lack of handicap access. Michael will arrange for this subject to be put on the next Selectman's meeting agenda.

June 1 is the target date for one Face book page for the system.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting of the East Haddam Public Library System will be on September 8th at the Rathbun Branch.