

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 9, 2017

6:30 pm at the Rathbun Branch

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Joanne Rocznik; Celina Nelan ; Maureen Gillis; Dawn Barlow; Eileen Schwartz; John Bielot.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Andrea Pascal, Vicki Riley

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gilroy and Juliana Tryon Ranaudo

Minutes from January 12 2017 meeting were approved as written.

REPORTS:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Michael recapped his director's report – highlighted the upcoming events that the libraries are hosting:

March guest author – Karl Bacon at the EHFP branch

Those Hamilton Sisters presented by Kandie Carle at the Rathbun branch

April guest speaker – Paul Colburn – presenting Bobcats in your backyard

Discussion was also had regarding the P&Z Town Plan Conservation Development library wording. We suggested referring to the East Haddam Library System.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The finance committee reported on the budget that was submitted to the Selectman's office and returned with \$4,000 cut to the books and periodical line item. We discussed how we had come up with an increase to that line item – it was based on the reality of what we had spent – costs of books have risen and we are trying to keep up with needs. We will attend Selectmen and Board of Finance meetings to advocate for the budget.

We discussed the mini grant that is in process to be approved on by the Board of Finance and an additional grant that we are planning to submit for a May deadline. Will need to have it approved by Board of Finance in April.

Michael mentioned a recent gift that was made by patrons. Eileen will write a thank you letter from the board.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

The program committee reviewed the ongoing plans for the Comer event in Sept. They are also planning to begin meeting regarding the summer reading program. The Chocolate fundraiser has been pushed to the fall.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

We currently have 3 candidates for the upcoming slate, 2 Republicans and 1 Democrat. We will need to put up one more Democrat to fill the last vacancy.

Old Business:

We approved the 2017 one year plan after clarifying one point under programming and adjusting one date.

George Fellner will be conducting the handicap accessibility study beginning in March or April.

New Business:

Staff appreciation week begins April 9. Maureen and Eileen will pick up the gifts for the staff.

Volunteer appreciation party has been scheduled for June 7 at the Rathbun.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm