

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 13, 2017

6:30 pm at the EHFP Branch

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Andrea Pascal

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gilroy and Jane Chrisholm

Minutes from March 9, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

REPORTS:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Michael recapped his director's report – we had a full discussion about the CT State Borrow-it program, which the state is going to cut. This cut will impact all the libraries in the state and will require a solution, which will incur cost. We agreed that reaching out to Melissa Ziobron and Art Linares to communicate our concerns would be a good move.

There was also discussion regarding the EHFP building and the need for the Selectmen and Reading Room Association to come to an understanding about the contribution that the endowment can contribute annually.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The finance committee reported on the Board of Finance Committee meeting – until the state sets their budget the town cannot have a productive discussion regarding town dept budgets, including the library system budget.

Dawn made a motion to approve the submission of the NEH Grant. Joanne seconded. The motion passed.

We reviewed the Special Revenue Fund.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

The program committee reviewed the ongoing plans for the Comer event in Sept. We are waiting on paperwork from the DEEP so that we can have students from Franklin Academy and the high school clean up the site and do the plantings. The summer reading program has been set. The Chocolate fundraiser will be in the fall – location to be determined.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

We have four people for the slate – names will be sent to the two parties for them to put up this fall.

Old Business:

The honey is being delivered to the staff to show appreciation.

The Volunteer appreciation event will be either the 7th or 9th. We'd prefer the 9th – Michael is checking with the Art League to determine which date is selected. Evites will go out so folks save the date.

New Business:

Our newest Library staff member is in hospital – Eileen will send a card on behalf of the board to wish her a speedy recovery.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Our next meeting will be May 11 at the Rathbun