

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 12, 2018

6:30 pm at the Rathbun Branch

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Bill Barney, Dawn Barlow, Juliana Tryon Ranaudo, Janine Broe, John Bielot, Andrea Pascal

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Vicki Riley, Jane Chisholm

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gilroy

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm. Minutes from May 10 12, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Director's Report:

EHFPL Building Transfer – The case was rejected in probate. The next step is filing with Superior Court. Paperwork is being drafted but timing is unknown due to court processing times.

Mike will work on preparing a fact sheet about the building that can be shared with the public.

Hoopla – This is a new, proposed service that provides pay per view downloads. J. Ranaudo inquired as to if there was a maximum download limit or monthly cost limit. This is something Mike is looking into but there would likely be a monthly limit per patron. The new service will be discussed in the upcoming Finance committee meeting.

Committee Reports:

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

The bike rodeo was a success with a small but engaged group of participants. The kids that attended will be acting as consultants for next year's event.

Filming for the Facebook video is slated to begin in August.

July 13th is a showing of the film "Black Panther". African artifacts will be on display courtesy of a loan from the collection of June Plecan and Pete Govert.

The "*What East Haddam is Reading*" program is generating some conversation, but patrons are not taking out the particular books on the lists. B. Barney will be working on updating the lists with the various businesses.

The Dog Days of Summer program is on schedule for August. October is Breast Cancer month and November may be a program on Wild Turkeys. Next year will feature monthly health talks (i.e. monetary health, physical, mental).

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

The meeting was re-scheduled for August. The committee will discuss the vacancy left by Joann. J.Broe will reach out to the DTC for recommendations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The committee will review Hoopla in the upcoming meeting.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The committee has been reviewing Zoning for the existing libraries and the Grange/Town Hall site. J. Bielot asked if the excess land at the high school had been considered.

B.Barney discussed the need for seed money with the First Selectman. Mr. Lyman was agreeable.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

D. Barlow will draft a card for Joanne's family. Mike will provide a library theme card. B. Barney suggested the Board donate books on her behalf. The board was in agreement and will donate three books in her honor (a book on knitting, gnomes and miniatures).

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:33pm.

The next meeting will be August 9, 2018 at the EHFPL Branch.