

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 09, 2018

6:30 pm at the EHFPL Branch

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Vicki Riley

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gilroy

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. Minutes from July 12, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Director's Report:

Children's Shelves – A local Boy Scout would like to raise money and build some of the shelving for the EHFPL children's section. This should not affect the capital set aside as it is still needed for the remaining shelving and has already been approved by the Town for this purpose. The Board agreed this is also a nice opportunity for public relations coverage showing a local community member supporting and donating to the library.

Chairs – Several of the chairs at EHFPL have broken (beyond a simple gluing fix) and have been moved to the shed. The chairs should be offered to members of the community, perhaps in exchange for a donation toward new chairs.

Personnel Shortage - Michael will continue to log the difficulties created by the shortage. We have not yet had to close the doors to the library at any point, but it has caused delays in service.

Committee Reports:

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

The committee did not meet.

The July 13th movie night featuring the film "Black Panther" was well attended and well received.

The Dog Days of Summer program will be rescheduled to a later date due, in part, to the extremely humid weather. 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, internet security).

There will also be more autistic friendly programming with the assistance of guidelines provided by the Franklin Academy.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

The calendar was updated to extend the Planning Committee meetings through the end of 2018.

There was discussion of the vacant seat left by Joanne. There is currently an equal balance of political representation, so either a Democrat or Republican can be appointed. The Board agrees that it is most important to find someone dedicated to the library.

The Committee is working on updating and condensing the manual and the Board effectiveness survey.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The committee did not meet in July.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The committee did not meet due to lack of quorum.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Bill nominated Dawn Barlow to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Committee. Juliana seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

Bill motioned to approve the Eagle Scout shelving project. Andrea seconded the motion. After a discussion about assuring the shelves would be of acceptable quality, the motion passed.

Juliana suggested the Board think about a larger scale Book Sale fundraiser to be held at the Municipal Building gym next year. Haddam is holding such a sale next month.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:22pm.

The next meeting will be September 13, 2018 at the Rathbun Branch.