

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 11, 2019

6:30 pm at the Rathbun Branch

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Janine Broe

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gilroy

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm. A motion to accept the Minutes from the March 14, 2019 meeting was made, minutes were approved without objection.

Director's Report

The Rathbun floor replacement will result in closure of the building for at least 1 day.

The Library was not mentioned at the latest public hearing regarding the budget. The next step is the Annual Town Budget meeting on April 24th.

The Friends of Rathbun have outlined the upcoming speaker program, which looks very exciting. Friends of EHFPL continue working toward their Fall book sale and have planned an upcoming painting program for adults.

Committee Reports

Program Committee: The Harp program in March was well attended, as was the cut the cord program. Michael will be hosting a follow up soon.

April 25th will be a showing of the Avengers Part 3. April 27th is Celebrate East Haddam. The Hilltop has sponsored the Library's table.

May will be a program on snakes, June a bike rodeo and July will be Duck Day.

Governance Committee: The committee continues to work to simplify the manual. There a number of Trustee seats up for re-election.

2019 goals were distributed and reviewed.

Finance Committee: There are continued discussions on focusing on donations and other revenue sources. Community support is key.

Michael now has access to the accounting software, meaning we will get quarterly updates sooner.

The court is close to making a decision in the case of the EHFPL building transfer. An April 22nd ruling is expected.

New Business: The friends of EHFPL offered to purchase 8 new chairs to replace broken ones at the EHFPL branch. B.Barney motioned to accept \$2k from the Friends of EHFPL to pay for 8 new chairs, D.Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B.Barney motioned to authorize the purchase of 8 chairs, not to exceed \$2k. D.Barlow seconded the motion and the motion passed.

B.Barney motioned to accept \$1,650 from the Friends of Rathbun to pay for 2 custom bookcases, D.Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B.Barney motioned to authorize the purchase of 2 custom bookcases, not to exceed \$1,650. D.Barlow seconded the motion and the motion passed.

B.Barney motioned to accept the new meeting room policy. A.Pascal, seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:43pm.

The next meeting will be May 9, 2019 at the EHFPL Branch.