

EAST HADDAM PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 09, 2019

6:30 pm at the EHFPL Branch

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Janine Broe, Jane Chisholm, John Bielot

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Gilroy, Rob Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. A motion to accept the Minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting was made, minutes were approved without objection.

Director's Report

The teen lock-in was a success with 21 teens (the maximum) participating. 15 Girl Scouts got new library cards on Girl Scout day.

A program on snakes is coming up on May 26th.

The first article highlighting newly acquired materials, programs and upcoming events was in the local paper. This is anticipated to be a regular article.

Tom Comer, grandson of Captain Comer, is requesting the Comer collection be given to Mystic Seaport. Many questions need to be answered before a decision can be made. Requested items should be itemized. There are also questions as to accessibility for local residents and we need to be certain that none of the requested items are on permanent loan from elsewhere, like the Historical Society. A.Pascal will check with the Historical Society and M.Gilroy will continue to research the issue.

J.Ranaudo requested an update on the Eagle Scout shelving project. M.Gilroy will follow-up.

Committee Reports

Program Committee: The Avengers was not well attended due, in part, to the weather. B.Barney suggested possible outdoor films during the summer.

Upcoming events include Cut the Cord follow-up, Bike Rodeo and Duck Day on July 5th.

Governance Committee: The committee will meet in August.

Finance Committee: The budget passed without issue. M.Gilroy will be training on Munis soon, which will allow easier reporting. The next meeting will be in August.

New Business: The ruling on EHFPL was received. The next step will be a formal letter from the Reading Room association to the town. The issue will then be discussed at the Selectmen's meeting and will then go to a town meeting.

Known issues of accessibility and the need for a furnace replacement will likely be discussed.

The Board will review M.Gilroy's report on the building and bring talking points to the next meeting.

The Art League reception at the Rathbun is on June 5th at 6pm. Board members are asked to bring 1 alcoholic and 1 nonalcoholic beverage along with a snack or appetizer.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:48pm.

The next meeting will be July 11, 2019 at the Rathbun Branch.