

**Easton Public Library
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting (recorded)
February 7, 2022**

Present: G. Bindelglass, V. Rozo, P. Wizda, S. Pearlman, A. Burke, and L. Zaffino Guest:
Renee Neiger

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Veronica and seconded by Gloria. All in favor of approving.
3. Friends of the Library Report: The success of the fundraising efforts by The Friends was discussed. The Board thanked them for all their hard work and for the success of the Tree Lighting event.
4. Treasurer's Report: As discussed in the last meeting, 10% of the funds were transferred to the Vanguard Dividend Growth Fund account. Both funds lost some money last month, which is a reflection of the stock market.
5. Library Director's Report: Please see attached.
6. Bills and Communication: Many donations were received through the Giving Tree fundraiser. There was also an increase in general donations in December. Four nonfiction historical books were donated by a patron. The Kanopy bill will be paid with the remaining funds dedicated to this resource. The next \$500 for Kanopy will be provided by the Senior Center.
7. Public Participation: None
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business:
 - a. Security Camera: Due to recent thefts of signs, the possibility of purchasing security cameras was discussed. Quotes will be presented at the next meeting.
 - b. Ethics Ordinance: All Board members received the ordinance and returned the sign-off page to Town Hall.
 - c. Budget: For the next fiscal year, an increase of 1.5% will be requested. The proposed budget was discussed with the First Selectman. In addition, the position that was furloughed was reinstated beginning March 1.
 - d. Adding alternate to the Board: A discussion about adding an alternate position was discussed. To obtain this, it will need to be approved at a town meeting. The next town meeting will be held in April.
 - e. Anne Lindquist Award: Names for the next award recipient were discussed, as well as the time of year for the event. A tentative date of September 18th was discussed.

Motion for adjournment made by Gloria and seconded by Adrienne. All members agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:11

Next meeting: March 7, 2022

Submitted by,
Gloria Bindelglass

EASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – February 7, 2022
LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Due to the COVID surge, all of our in-person programs in January were rescheduled for March. We will begin to bring back a couple of in-person programs this month, and we will wait until March for the young children's in-person programs.
2. In collaboration with the Center for Family Justice, we will be hosting an exhibit of their "Unfinished Lives" Project during March and April. This exhibit consists of shadow boxes representing individuals who have been lost to domestic violence.
3. The quote to refurbish the back patio came in at \$4,850. I have presented it to the Friends, and they have asked me to get at least one more estimate, which I am working on. They have also asked me to come up with a wish list of other expenses that I would like them to fund. They are continuing to fund our museum passes, and we have just added the following: Earthplace, Discovery Museum, Storm King, and Stepping Stones.
4. We are partnering with EDIT to celebrate Neurodiversity Celebration Week (March 21-27). This will entail a display, a resource page on our website, and programming. We will also partner with them on an African Drumming/Dancing program for Juneteenth.
5. Our outdoor Wi-Fi access for the front and back of the Library has been installed. Wi-Fi access for the side lawn will be installed on February 15.
6. Upcoming special programs include the following:
 - 2/11 – Blood Drive
 - 2/11 – Paint Night
 - 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5 – Digital Animation w/JBHS Robotics Team (Gr. 6-8)
 - 2/24, 3/24 – Career Coaching
 - 2/24 – Lego Master Builders (Gr. K-5)
 - 2/25 – Mock the Movie (Gr. 6-12)
 - 2/25 – Easton Arts Council Reception
 - 3/10 – DIY Candlemaking
 - 3/17 – Classic Film – *Wells Fargo*
 - 3/15 – Irish Step Dancing (All ages)
 - 3/19 – Chess Workshop & Tournament (Gr. 6-12)
 - 3/23 – AAA Retirement Program
 - 3/26 – One Book/One Town Author Presentation
 - 3/27 – Movie – *Temple Grandin*

Submitted by Lynn Zaffino
2/3/22