

**Easton Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting (recorded)
September 12, 2022**

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

Guests: George Hajek, Jon Sonneborn, and Nathalie Taranto

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Adrienne and seconded by Shari to approve the August minutes. All were in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report: Due to the transition of Peoples Bank to M&T bank, and technical issues, Adrienne is not able to access the account currently. The other accounts were presented as well as the last statement from People's Bank.
4. Library Director's Report: Please see attached.
5. Friends of the Library Report: Currently collecting books for the book sale next month. December 4th will be the date for tree lighting and craft fair.
6. Bills and Communications: One donation was received this month. The bill for the security camera is still outstanding and will be paid for by Board funds.
7. Public Participation: None
8. Old Business:
 - a. **Ann Lindquist award**: Date will be November 13th from 1-4 in the Community Room. Budget to be set at the October meeting.
 - b. **Children's Expansion Project**: A discussion was had if now is the time to relook at the expansion project. Due to the financial climate and the expense of materials being high, the Board feels it is best to wait and reevaluate at a later date.
9. **Collection Development Policy**: Tabled for a later date
10. New Business:
 - a. **Community Room Sound System Upgrade**: Jon Sonneborn has been working with Lynn to find a company to upgrade the sound system. To date they have reviewed two bids. The thought is to leave the existing speakers and to add surround sound to better hear speakers/movies that are played in the Community Room. Additional quotes will be presented in the October meeting.
 - b. **Vacancy for Vice Chair position**: Linda Dollard has resigned from the Board and therefore this position is now open. A motion was made to nominate Shari as the Vice Chair by Paul and was seconded by Adrienne. All were in favor. Thank you, Shari, for assuming the Vice Chair role.
 - c. **Meet up with Staff, Board and Friends**: Tabled until next month
11. Motion for adjournment made by Adrienne and seconded by Veronica. All members agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm
Next meeting: October 3, 2022
Submitted by,
Gloria Bindelglass

EASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – September 12, 2022
LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Our annual Staff Development Day took place on Friday, August 26. We learned about Easton's Social Services Department and the Municipal Agent for the Aging; Library and personal branding; the CT Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped; and ADA considerations for patrons with disabilities. We also discussed emergency plans and the Library's strategic plan.
2. We have started a Library of Things, with games and puzzles that people can check out. We are also building a collection of novelty cake pans.
3. Thanks to the Friends for doing a great job with transporting and sorting the items for the book sale.
4. Upcoming special programs include the following:
 - 9/15 – African Safari Adventure Talk with Artist Marcia Fitzgibbons
 - 9/17 – Carol Dixon Art Reception
 - 9/17 – Kid Governor Visit/Piglet Story Time (All Ages)
 - 9/21 – An Evening with Charlie Chaplin
 - 9/26 – Stuffed Animal Sleepover (Ages 3-10)
 - 9/30 – Kids' Preview Book Sale
 - 10/1-10/2 – Book Sale
 - 10/7 – Blood Drive
 - 10/14 – Teen Watercolor Painting (Gr. 8-12)
 - 10/15 – Sharing Our Stories: Voices from the Community
 - 10/19 – Author Talk/Debbie Levison
 - 10/25 - Successfully Navigate College Admissions (Gr. 9-11 & Parents)
 - 10/29 – John Higby, the Yo-Yo Guy (All Ages)
 - 10/29 – Halloween Story Time (Ages 3-7)

Submitted by Lynn Zaffino
9/8/22