

**Easton Public Library
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting (recorded)
June 11, 2020**

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.
2. Minutes from May: minutes were approved with a motion by Gloria and seconded by Linda.
3. Treasurer's Report: No significant change in the balances at Morgan Stanley or People's Bank account at this time. Adrienne now has access to the account at People's Bank.
4. Library Director's Report : Please see attached.
5. Bills and Communication : Three donations were received this month specifically earmarked for children's books that address racism and social injustice.
6. Public Participation : None
7. Old Business:
 - a. Children's Expansion: A discussion was had about the state of the current economy and the effect on the COVID pandemic on the town. Being sensitive to the financial status of the town, the Board has made a decision to put a hold on the project at this time.
 - b. 2020-21 Library Budget: Was approved at the last Board of Finance meeting
 - c. Re-opening: Will occur on July 6. There will be a limit of ten people at a time and each person will be allowed a thirty minute time limit. Masks will be required and frequent hand sanitizer usage will be encouraged. Bathrooms will not be open and the computers will not be available for public use at this time. There will also be tape on the floor for traffic flow throughout the library. Curbside pick-up will continue for those who request it.
8. New Business: None
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm with a motion by Linda and seconded by Paul

Submitted by,
Gloria Bindelglass

EASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING – June 11, 2020
LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. The Library is now offering curbside pickup service from 10-5, Monday-Friday. Two staff members are working in the Library each day. The rest are still working from home. Some of the things they are doing include: sending in photos and videos to be posted on our website and social media pages; submitting book and TV reviews for our blog; conducting virtual programs; planning for our summer reading program; and engaging in online professional development opportunities.
2. I have been writing and submitting a weekly article to the Easton Courier and Hello Easton, updating the community on what the Library is doing.
3. We are getting ready to launch our Summer Reading program on June 16. Mary Beth and Kristine have worked hard to re-imagine a summer reading program in the current COVID-19 climate. Kids will log their books from home. In addition to reading, they are also encouraged to get out and do things (visit the zoo or a park, spend time in nature, etc.). They will fill out a BINGO card with activities, which will enable them to earn points toward raffle prizes. All kids who meet their reading goal will earn extra points, and will receive a free book at the end of the summer. The adult program will work the same as in previous years. Patrons can submit books read on a Google form, and there will be a raffle each week. Prizes for both the kids' and adult programs will be gift cards for local businesses, farms, etc. Finally, everyone is asked to contribute towards Read Around the World. Each book read is worth 10 miles. These miles will be converted into donations to the Easton Animal Shelter and Mikey's Way.
4. The Oral History Project is moving along. I have put Ryan, Kevin, and Debby in charge of it. We are in the stages of pairing up interviewing partners and starting the interviews. We have about 7 pairs so far.
5. I have written a letter of complaint against Board of Finance members Michael Kot and Paul Skrtich for their disrespectful and condescending treatment of the Library during the recent budget hearings. Dr. Bindelglass, Christine Calvert, and Veronica Rozo each received a copy of the letter. I have also sent a copy to the Ethics Commission.

Submitted by Lynn Zaffino
5/28/20