

**Easton Public Library
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting (recorded)**

May 3, 2021

Present: L. Dollard, G. Bindelglass, A. Burke, V. Rozo P. Wizda and L. Zaffino Guest: Renee Neiger, Friends of the Library Representative

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:09pm.
2. Minutes from April : Meeting minutes were approved with minor changes. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Veronica to approve the minutes. Minutes approved by all.
3. Treasurer's Report: A donation deposit was made that was earmarked for the Innovation Space. The Statement of Investment Policy from 1995 was discussed. It will be discussed with revisions or additions next month for approval.
4. Library Director's Report : Please see attached. Also discussed was how the library will have materials related to social justice.
5. Friends of the Library Report: Library Giving Day was very successful. Over 40 donations were received. Membership levels to the Friends are being created. Fundraising events were also discussed.
6. Bills and Communication : A few small bills were received and paid. Most of the items were purchased with monies that were donated.
7. Public Participation : None
8. Old Business:
 - a. Anne Lindquist Award: Will be presented to Dolly Curtis this year. A gift to present to Dolly was discussed as well as the reception which will be held in September. The monies to purchase the gift was motioned by Adrienne and seconded by Linda. The motion carries.
 - b. Board Self-Evaluation: The tool that was distributed was discussed.
 - c. Memo of Understanding with Friends of the Library: Tabled until the issue of insurance coverage is resolved.
9. New Business:
 - a. FOIA Webinar Recap: The webinar was discussed. There were items discussed specific to how Zoom meetings are to be conducted.
 - b. Collection Development Policy: The Dr. Seuss books that were identified by the creators of the books as being racist were discussed. The books in question were not removed but were deemed as storage status. This means that patrons that request the books will still have access to them they will just need to request them. A collection development policy will be investigated and discussed at a later board meeting.
 - c. ARPA Grant: Tabled until next month

Motion for adjournment made by Gloria seconded by Adrienne. All members were in agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38

Next meeting June 7, 2021

Submitted by,
Gloria Bindelglass

EASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Dave Bindelglass has decided to keep the Youth Services Programming Assistant position on furlough until June 2022. It will be reassessed at that time.
2. We are in the process of setting up a Social Justice Task Force, with the goal of developing a Social Justice Mission for the Library.
3. Plans are in place for this year's Summer Reading Program. The theme will be "Read Around Easton." Every 100 books read will feature a new destination. Programs will be virtual or outdoors, including a Sidewalk Chalk Contest and Geocaching. Adults will be encouraged to read books that fulfill specific "challenges" and there will be a raffle each week.
4. Several staff members, including myself, will attend the Connecticut Library Association's Annual Conference (virtually) during the week of May 10.
5. At the polls on Tuesday, the Easton 175 Committee will have a table outside to promote Easton's many groups and organizations. I will be there for part of the day, promoting the Library.
6. I had a meeting with Dolly Curtis and Joanne Kant from the Arts Council. They were upset about the Conference Room sometimes being in use when people wanted to view the art. We came up with a viewing schedule (M-F 11-3; Sat. 10-3). Hopefully, this compromise will work for everyone.
7. Upcoming special programs include the following:
 - 5/6 – Career Pivot Program (adults)
 - 5/12 – Blood Drive
 - 5/13 – Author Talk – Madeleine Henry (adults)
 - 5/13 – Zoom Show & Tell (Gr. K-5)
 - 5/17 – Rhyme Time (Ages 3-5)
 - 5/22 – Easton Arts Council Art Reception (on back patio)
 - 6/11 – Summer Kickoff Drive-in Movie – *Matilda* (with ECC and Park & Rec) (Families)
 - 6/13 – Blood Drive

Submitted by Lynn Zaffino
4/29/21