

**Easton Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Library Community Room
March 6, 2023**

Present. L. Zaffino, V. Rozo, G. Bindelglass, E.Boyce, S. Pearlman, R. Neiger, D. Parker and G. Hajek

Guests: None

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Elizabeth and seconded by Shari to approve the February minutes. All were in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report: Tabled until next month's meeting.
4. Library Director's Report: Please see attached.
5. Friends of the Library Report: Working on updating the website so they are alerted sooner when a donation is made to the Friends. Hoping to be able to help with the cost of e-books. Also looking at other fundraiser events, such as a wine tasting at Sport Hill Farm as in years past. Lynn thanked the friends for their Valentine's Day gifts.
6. Bills and Communications: Nothing to report at this time.
7. Public Participation: None
8. Old Business:
 - a. **Elect Board Liaison to the Friends of the Library**: As per our agreement, a Library Board member should be attending each Friends meeting. Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month. Thank you, Shari, for offering to attend the March meeting.
 - b. **Sound System Upgrade and Acoustic Tile**: An estimate was distributed to the Board for review for the acoustic tiles. Another estimate from a different company will be obtained for both the tiles and the projector and screen. The Arts Council may be able to donate some money to the project from a grant they may receive.
 - c. **Budget**: Lynn is scheduled to present the budget Wednesday night at the Senior Center. There have already been some cuts by the First Selectman prior to the upcoming Board of Finance meeting. Presently, the increase asked for is 0.73%.
 - d. **Updated Policies**: Tabled until next month.
9. New Business:
 - a. **Improving Communications**: Lynn has requested a quicker response to her emails regarding if people will be able to attend the monthly meeting or not to determine if there will be a quorum for the meeting. It was decided that, going forward, she will do meeting reminders via text rather than email.
 - b.

Motion for adjournment made by Veronica and seconded by Shari, all members agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm

Next meeting: April 3, 2023

Submitted by,
Gloria Bindelglass

EASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – March 6, 2023
LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Staffing – One staff member just came back after recovering from surgery for 6 weeks. One is still out on long term leave; not sure when she'll be back. And, of course, Terry will be out for a long time.
2. Our Wi-Fi hotspots have been received. They should be ready to start loaning out by the end of this month.
3. The Children's Department has expanded its programming with three new monthly programs.
4. Upcoming special programs include the following:

3/9 – Celebrate Women's History Month: Button Making (Gr. K-5)
3/9 – Racial Justice Film Series – *Let the People Decide*
3/15 – Motivating Your Unmotivated Student
3/16 – Irish Step Dance Performance
3/18 – Author Talk (via Zoom) – Darcie Little Badger – One Book/One Town
3/22 – Classic Film - *Angel*
3/29 – History & Culture of the Mohegan Tribe (rescheduled from 2/28)
3/30 – Finish the Picture (Gr. 6-12)
Chess Club – Mondays @ 5:30

Submitted by Lynn Zaffino
3/3/23