

**Easton Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Library Community Room
May 1, 2023**

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

Guests: None

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm
2. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Adrienne and seconded by Renee to approve the April minutes. All were in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report: Report was distributed and discussed.
4. Library Director's Report: Please see attached.
5. Friends of the Library Report: Their website is currently under construction. Library Giving Day was successful. Plans have begun for the annual book sale. Still investigating a wine tasting fundraiser event at the end of August.
6. Bills and Communications: One bill was received.
7. Public Participation: None
8. Old Business:
 - a. **Sound System Upgrade and Acoustic Panels**: A new updated quote was circulated. A motion was made by Veronica that we approve option #2 and that the board pays \$2900.55 to purchase the tiles. The motion was seconded by Shari. All members approved. The Easton Arts Council will contribute \$4000 towards the project.
 - b. **Budget**: The additional cuts by the Board of Finance were presented. The increase approved for FY2024 is 3.8%.
 - c. **Children's Expansion**: Architecture plans were reviewed, and the potential space was viewed. Discussion was had about asking the Building Committee to reconvene to see who will still be willing to serve on the committee as they have not met since before COVID. Also, the Children's Librarians will be asked to attend the next meeting as well.
 - d. **Anne Lindquist award**: A name for the recipient of the award was discussed. The month of September was chosen for the event.
 - e. **Updated Policies**: The Board reviewed the Policy on Volunteers. For this policy, an additional line was added with a few other minor changes. A motion was made by Gloria and seconded by Renee to accept the changes. All were in favor.
9. New Business:
 - a. **Directors/Trustees Webinar recap**: Highlights were reviewed by Lynn. The Board can review the webinar with the link provided by Lynn.
 - b. **Book Challenge**: The book that was discussed at the Town Meeting, which is not in the library's collection, was discussed.

Motion for adjournment made by Shari and seconded by Adrienne. All members agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Next meeting June 5, 2023

Submitted by Gloria Bindelglass

EASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – May 1, 2023
LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. We had a fire drill last week, in cooperation with Police Chief Doyle and the Fire Dept. Everything went smoothly. I am planning an Active Aggressor drill for next month.
2. The head of the Backgammon Club that meets in the Library informed me that one of their members, Rachel Rockwell (Norman Rockwell's great-niece), has painted a picture of the club playing in the Community Room. They want to give it to the Library on permanent loan. It will be unveiled at their meeting on May 2.
3. Upcoming special programs include the following:
 - 5/4 – Blood Drive
 - 5/6 – Birds of Prey Presentation (sponsored by the Friends of the Library)
 - 5/11 – Water Color Painting on the Patio (Gr. K-5)
 - 5/11 – Racial Justice Film Series - *Minari* (with Christ Church and EDIT)
 - 5/13 – Author Talk – Alan Powers, *Conversations with Birds* (co-sponsored by Aspetuck Land Trust)
 - 5/13 – Easton Arts Council Reception
 - 5/15 – Find the Right College For You (Gr. 9-11 & Parents)
 - 5/20 – J. Neil Bittner Art Reception
 - 5/23 – Injury Prevention & Feeling Youthful As You Age
 - 5/24 – Classic Film Series – *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*
 - 5/31 – College Application Timeline (Gr. 8-11 & Parents)
 - 6/1 – Tech Talk
 - 6/1 – Pride Story Time

Submitted by Lynn Zaffino
4/27/23