

The regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Monroe Public Library was held on Tuesday, Aug 19, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at the Hughes Library.

Present: E. Rydell, A. Senese, B. Huffman, T. Weitzmann, B. Murphy, N. Flynn, L. Jenkins

Absent: M. Liberman, D. Lynch

Staff: S. Butler, B. Keiser

Guests: Susan Gardner, EAPL

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by E. Rydell.

BM/TW moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2008 meeting, as presented. Carried.

President's Report – E. Rydell reported that staff will be formally thanking the Parkers for their past and future generosity with respect to the donation of gasoline for the bookmobile.

A. Senese will not be able to continue on the Board due to his schedule with the university. T. Weitzmann and B. Murphy have agreed to seek appointments for a second term.

Treasurer's Report - B. Keiser reported in M. Liberman's absence. She reported some new line items have been added to the Income Statement - the Gates Grant and the Scavello and Boscola Grants. The library has also received the LeBar money from the Foundation.

LJ/BM moved to approve the financials for audit. Carried.

LJ/BM moved to approve the bills as presented. Carried.

B. Keiser reported on a proposal from KNBT bank. She explained that a "sweeps" account with this bank involves fees. She explained that she had been investigating moving the library's operating account from PNC bank in order to save money.

Buildings and Equipment – B. Huffman reported there has not been much movement on the specs for surveillance cameras. She noted the Building Committee did have an opportunity to meet with a representative from Rotary and they will underwrite planters for the front "pad".

Publicity – E. R. noted that he did see an ad about the library in the Pocono Record.

B. Keiser reported the library will have a booth at Stroudfest to promote library services.

Planning – B. Keiser reported that staff is working on the Strategic Plan and should have more to report in September.

Policy – L. Jenkins recommended the Board accept the draft policies as presented.

BM/TW moved to accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee to approve the Collection Development policy as presented. Carried.

There was discussion about the possible need to have patrons register at the reference desk to use the Local History Room facilities. Staff will review the Local History Room policy to include this and it will be presented for action at the September Board meeting.

Personnel Committee – T. Weitzmann reported the Personnel Committee would be meeting immediately following today's Board Meeting.

Director's Report – B. Keiser introduced Susan Gardner, District Consultant from Easton and explained the role of the District Center.

She reported that circulation is up in general. She also reported that a book discussion group has been started at the Smithfield facility.

The Public internet is being updated with a new router as ours is at "the end of life"

B. Keiser reminded the Board of the Volunteer Luncheon coming up in September. The Parker family will be receiving the Elizabeth Kane service award.

It was noted that the Finance Committee will begin working on the 2009 budget and that it will again be a very flat budget.

A.Senese suggested the Board might want to consider seeking additional money by speaking with the Commissioners about an increase in the tax millage.

State Aid next year will be the same as this year.

Old Business – There was no Old Business

New Business – There was no New Business

The meeting adjourned at 9:26