

The regular scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Monroe Public Library was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 8:30 a.m. at the Hughes library.

Present: E. Rydell, B. Murphy, A. Senese, L. Jenkins, T. Weitzmann, D. Lynch, M. Liberman

Absent: A. Harmon, B. Huffman

Staff: B. Keiser, S. Butler, M.Erm,

Guests:

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

ML/BM moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, meeting, as presented. Carried.

President's Report – E. Rydell appointed M. Liberman to the Finance Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee

Treasurer's Report - B. Keiser reviewed the financials. She reported no money has been received for Corrections as yet. Photocopy income is low. She explained that there is a lot of coin that is held and deposited at once which may catch up the photocopy line.

Personnel expenses are under budget due to the fact that one full time position is still open.

In general all expenses are under budget.

She pointed out a new line item for the Siptroth Grant and noted this money will be used to upgrade computer equipment.

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

ML/TW moved to approve the bills as presented. Carried.

Buildings and Equipment – B. Keiser reviewed for the Board the estimate from Lombardo and Lipe for additional electrical work in the IT room.

AS/BM moved to accept the building committee's recommendation to accept the estimate from Lombardo and Lipe. Carried.

B.Keiser explained that Pocono Healthy Community Alliance would like to use their County "Day of Sharing" to move their collection to the library. Mary Erm reviewed the proposal.

A. Senese questioned if this need ties into the Strategic plan. It was felt it does.

DL/BM moved to approve the PHCA/Children's Room proposal. Carried.

B. Keiser reported on the LeBar estate bequest. J. Prevoznik felt there was an error made by the Florida attorneys. The bottom line, it appears the library received about \$800 too much from the bequest

The board discussed how to best handle the situation. The consensus of the board was to send a letter to the Florida attorneys regarding the error and letting them know we would be willing to refund the overpayment.

Personnel Committee –

Art/Acquisitions -

Policy -

Planning – A. Senese reported he would head the Strategic Plan committee. He noted the old plan has some excellent components, but will need to be reviewed and some changes made.

Director's Report – B. Keiser reported she made a presentation at the Commissioners' meeting on July 3. She also reported she attended an Associated Libraries meeting and highlighted some aspects of the meeting.

She reported the Keystone funds have been preserved in the State Budget. Most elements of State Aid will remain the same. Next year the distribution to EMPL should be the same as this year.

B. Keiser presented the Artisan Trail brochure to the Board and explained the library's gallery is a part of the Artisan Trail.

She explained there is Bill Gates Foundation money available for computer hardware. This is the last time Gates money will be available. This is handled through Palinet. These funds would be used for public internet stations. There are very few restrictions on the kinds of computers that must be purchased. EMPL would have to provide a match, but this could easily be handled within our budget.

Circulation is down again, but our monthly statistics are up to date. The "glitch" in the reporting function was repaired

B. Keiser would like to nominate the EMPL Friends organization for a couple of awards next year. She will have information available on this subject for the next meeting.

Old Business -

New Business –

A reminder that the August Board meeting will be at Smf.

EMPL Foundation meets next Wednesday.

The meeting adjourned at 09:07.