

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Eastchester Public Library  
February 24, 2016**

**Present:** Robert Cartolano (President), Library Director Tracy Wright, Rosetta McArdle, Joseph Gresia, Patrick Murtagh and Darlene Reda. Councilman Luigi Marcoccia was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. Minutes from the January 27, 2016 meeting were reviewed. One change was noted--to change "\$250,000" to "between \$90,000-125,000." Minutes were approved subject to this change.

**President's Report**

Following a discussion among the board members, during which it was noted that the Town is not necessarily looking to fund a generator for the library (Town may want to fund something more visible for the 2017 anniversary), President Cartolano asked whether the Town is looking to put a generator elsewhere for emergency purposes. Question: is the Library part of the Town's Emergency Response Plan? Councilman Marcoccia suggested that if it's something we really want, we may have to sell it to the Town Board. A lengthy discussion ensued. President Cartolano inquired as to the best way for us to float new ideas to the Town Board. Is it through our Library Liaison? Or should we have a library board member(s) go to the Town Board (and present through a PowerPoint, briefing, personal meeting, etc.)? If we are able to obtain a grant to acquire a generator, cost for Town would be around \$62,500 (to match grant funds). President Cartolano requested that the Building Committee draft a "Rationale" page in support of our request for a generator; include photos of library users during previous storms. Director Wright noted she would like to have Jim Lothrop come look at the property to see if ideas are feasible.

March 2 is Library Advocacy Day. At stake is funding that goes to all libraries throughout the state. Governor Cuomo's office continues to underfund libraries. This is "Fair Use" week--important for libraries to provide equitable access to information for educational purposes. President Obama has put forward a nominee, Carla Hayden, for the Library of Congress.

**Director's Report**

Lothrop Associates came up with a plan for carpeting and ordering furniture. Director Wright will meet with them after March 10. HVAC issues continue; Director Wright is going to look for other maintenance companies to replace J&M Heating. The annual contract costs around \$5000. Director Wright and the Building Committee will come up with proposals for HVAC and Control System options. Director Wright put in for a grant for the carpeting, therefore work cannot start before a certain date. She is also looking into more Ipads. Elizabeth is very excited about the Teen Advisory Committee.

The Tech Fair will be held on Saturday April 2 from 10 am - 2 pm. Banners are going up. Director Wright asked Gary Miller to come film the fair. She is creating brochures and collecting handouts (along with President Cartolano). Some worthwhile sites/services available through the library: lynda.com; Freegal; U of Fashion; Rocket Languages.

The Library Trustee breakfast will be held from 8am-10am on April 13 at Abigail Kirsch. Tickets cost \$80. The Wine & Cheese fundraiser could possibly be held in early May, to coincide with the ribbon cutting. Tickets will be around \$50. The library will close at 3pm on Good Friday. EBC is planting cold weather pansies.

### **Committee Reports**

Neither the Technology nor Building Committees have information to report at this time.

### **Old Business**

Noted above.

### **New Business**

Brainstorming for future library amenities: vending machine, mugs/merchandise; coffee stand; Keurig machines. Director Wright will look into coffee and water options. The Friends' small book sale is doing well; they net around \$500/month. The "big" book sale is coming up in April.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2016 at 6:15.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darlene E. Reda