

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Eastchester Public Library
November 16, 2016**

Present: Library Director Tracy Wright, Robert Cartolano (President), Susan Bauman, Astra Tudisco, Rosetta McArdle, Patrick Murtagh, Joe Gresia and Darlene Reda. Councilman Luigi Marcoccia was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

The minutes from the October 5, 2016 meeting were presented, reviewed and approved.

Director's Report

Director Wright stated that in anticipation of Small Business Saturday, she and the Tuckahoe library director approached local businesses and assembled 25 retailers who will offer discounts to customers who show a library card. She informed the Board that Jonathon's "Battle of the Books" was featured in a recent *Eastchester Rising* article. Activities for the upcoming 50th Anniversary were discussed. Two new part-time pages/clerks have been added to the staff. Although Director Wright has not received news about the 2017 budget, she has been told that it will be another tough year.

President Cartolano reminded the board that the meeting scheduled for November 30, 2016 will be needed only if serious budget issues arise. Discussions were then held regarding time off/early closings for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Proposals were put forward, and the Board voted to close the library on Christmas Eve (unanimous vote) and to close at 1:00 pm on New Year's Eve (majority approved, with one dissent).

The deadline for submission of bids for electrical work is next Tuesday, November 22. The best time for the work to be done would be over Christmas break, but that may not be possible. The NYLA Conference was attended by Jonathon and Elizabeth. The Friends' Luncheon is scheduled for December 12 at 12:00. All board members are encouraged to attend.

Committee Reports

No updates.

Old Business

Trustee Murtagh thanked the library for allowing the EIASC 5K organizers to use the premises and wifi for the race registration.

New Business

Dates for 2017 Board meetings are as follows:

January 11th—50th Anniversary planning meeting (6:30 pm)

January 25th—Regular board meeting

February 15: 50th Anniversary meeting (No regular meeting in February)

March 1: Regular meeting

March 15: 50th Anniversary meeting

April 5: Regular meeting

April 19: 50th Anniversary meeting

May 10: 50th Anniversary meeting (No regular meeting in May)

The remainder of the meetings are regular Board meetings:

June 7

July 12

August 16 (*if needed)

(No September meeting)

October 4

November 15

December 6 (*if needed)

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene E. Reda