

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Eastchester Public Library
April 13, 2016**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. Supervisor Tony Colavita presented details of the Town's plans to install a patio outside of the children's library. The project is already largely funded by the Town (i.e. labor, donations, Beautification Committee). A motion to approve the design and installation of a ground-level patio outside the children's room was unanimously approved by the board. The patio is expected to be completed by June.

President's Report

President Cartolano reported on his March trip to Albany with the WLS contingent to advocate for increased funding for public libraries. The group met with several elected representatives (including Amy Paulin, George Latimer and Assemblyman Abinanti). The goals were twofold: first, to advocate for increasing statewide library aid to meet state education law requirements, and second, to increase library construction aid for capital projects. As of last weekend, the budget has been approved.

Director's Report

The Tech Fair was held on April 2 and had a good turn out. All the librarians help patrons with tech questions on a daily basis as well. Trustee Bauman asked how we can get the word out about these events. Civic association blasts and "backpack express" were two methods discussed by the board.

The Friends' annual book sale will be held April 15-18. Director Wright spoke with Mulinos at Lake Isle regarding the library's 50th anniversary celebration. The renovation of the YA Section needs to be timed perfectly to minimize interference with programming. Discussion ensued over when to start the project; ideally carpet would be installed first, then furniture. Director Wright noted that work cannot start until July 1st because we are waiting for grant money. However, work on the ceiling tile and lighting can start on July 1st because a letter from the State is not needed. The week between Christmas and New Year's would be best time to install the carpeting.

The Friends are considering using GiveGab rather than PayPal because it offers donors the opportunity to pay the fee.

Committee Reports

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

Old Business

None.

New Business

Trustees McArdle and Reda agreed to assist in planning the EPL 50th Celebration.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2016 at 6:15.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene E. Reda