

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Eastchester Public Library
July 6, 2016**

Present: Robert Cartolano (President), Library Director Tracy Wright, Astra Tudisco, Rosetta McArdle, Patrick Murtagh, Joseph Gresia and Darlene Reda.

The meeting was called to order at 6:26 p.m.

The June 1, 2016 minutes were presented, reviewed and approved by the board.

President's Report

Commenting on a recent NY Times article which described the resurgence of libraries, President Cartolano noted with pride that the Eastchester Public Library has never slowed down!

Director's Report

Renovation Update: The new carpeting YA furniture should be in by September 1. Director Wright is concerned that we won't be able to obtain all new shelving on a grant; she may concentrate on one or two sections at a time. She is now waiting for a quote from someone recommended by the carpet guy. She is also looking into other projects including signage, paint, stencils, and repair of walls around the adult room. A grant request was submitted for LED lighting on the lower level; additionally, the Friends have \$15,000 to spend! All work will be done by September 25—the date of the EIASC 5K run—and everyone is excited to show off the renovations.

The Building Committee discussed a list of projects they have compiled for the next 5 years. The larger ticket items have been pushed back. Trustee Gresia said we should start with the sequence previously submitted to the group, the first item being shelving followed by updating the restroom. He added that if we can get more money for the shelving, why wait until 2018 if we can get it done now? Director Wright said her concern is that we only have \$7500 to cover the lighting expense; she was reassured that that amount should be sufficient. The Friends are likely to donate the money for shelving. Director Wright has not discussed money for the restrooms with the Friends, and they are not interested in purchasing patio furniture. Trustee Murtagh suggested approaching Barnes & Noble to see if they would be interested in helping out with donations for the library. President Cartolano suggested \$25,000 as a starting point for B & N. Deadline is August 1st, as the grant application is due mid-August.

The Board members then reviewed and discussed the 2016 YTD budget report to see where we could suggest additions/subtractions for next year. Trustee Gresia suggested adding a one-time Extraordinary Expense line for the 2017 50th Anniversary celebration. A motion was then unanimously approved to add \$25,000 into the 2017 budget to account for a one-time extraordinary expense. (\$10K for the main event plus an additional 10 events at \$1500 apiece)

Committee Reports

See above.

Old Business

The Wine & Cheese fundraiser will be held on Friday, September 23. As noted above, the EIASC 5K will be held on Sunday, September 25.

New Business

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46. The next meeting will be held on August 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene E. Reda