

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Eastchester Public Library
January 25, 2017**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

The minutes from the November 16, 2016 meeting were presented, reviewed and approved.

President's Report

President Cartolano discussed the Governor's proposed cut to the library budget. On March 1, 2017 PLDA will be heading to Albany to ask for money. President Cartolano suggested calling our local representatives and reminded the board members to complete the petitions emailed to them from Jeremy Johannesen. He also noted that Senator Latimer dropped off materials regarding the 2017/18 budget summary.

Director's Report

Director Wright informed the board that Elizabeth Portillo's last day at the library was January 20th. Jonathon has offered to take over the programs that have already been set up. A part-time "will call" employee is needed for the reference desk; an applicant who works part-time at the Bronxville library is interested in the position. Director Wright has four interviews set up for the librarian position, which is half time YA.

Some good news: The furniture company has agreed to provide a new table after Director Wright and Lothrop called about one of the newer pieces that is already chipped. Shelving did not come in today as expected. Lighting project will begin shortly. The Town has offered to pay for 50th anniversary banners for EPL.

Committee Reports

No updates.

New Business

President Cartolano discussed a new book reader technology called "Simply E"—an app being built by NYPL that will be used to consolidate all ways to access e-books.

Old Business

Plans for EPL's 50th anniversary celebration continue. The Board met on January 11th to discuss plans for the 50th anniversary celebration; the next meeting is scheduled for February 15th. The April 5 meeting needs to be rescheduled as President Cartolano will be away.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on March 1, 2017. The next 50th anniversary planning meetings will be held on February 15 and March 15. On April 19 we will hold a combined 50th/regular board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene E. Reda