

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Eastchester Public Library
February 28, 2018**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. The minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting were presented, reviewed and unanimously approved.

President's Report

Today is Library Advocacy Day. President Cartolano encouraged all trustees to send a note to Albany regarding library funding by midnight tonight.

Director's Report

EPL had a tremendous number of programs scheduled for February and March. The library is not spending a lot of money on programs as they are conducted by staff. The Surveillance Series had a low turnout but was well received. Councilman Dooley offered to announce the library programs at Town Board meetings.

Scarsdale Library is scheduled to begin a \$20 million renovation and expects to be closed for 18 months, which will likely increase attendance at EPL. Director Wright is looking into options to cover the patio. President Cartolano asked Director Wright and Trustee Murtagh to look into available, viable, affordable commodities. Director Wright gave Dawn Donovan an estimate of \$20,000 as a placeholder; Supervisor Colavita seems receptive to the idea.

Director Wright will send out a draft of the Meeting Room policy for review and revisions. Due to the large number of programs booked in March, this may be a moot point. A discussion followed regarding "Fine Free circulations": in 2017, total fines collected at EPL exceeded \$14,000. President Cartolano suggested we can come up with a creative ways to create flexible lending periods for books without losing valuable revenue from fines.

Committee Reports

No updates.

New Business

Trustee Murtagh inquired as to status of discussions regarding adding a coffee bar to the library. Director Wright noted that the library would break even rather than make a profit. President Cartolano's response? "It is safe to say the idea is percolating."

Old Business

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene E. Reda