

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Eastchester Public Library
April 11, 2018**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m.

President's Report

NYS Library aid was raised to \$96.6 million which is still \$6 million below what state education law requires.

President Cartolano is working on a grant to change academic e-books to decrease the number of books students are carrying around.

Director's Report

The Town Board approved funds for the purchase of an awning for the library patio. The Library received the final payment from our 2016 NYS Construction Grant. EPL ended 2017 with an Operating Fund Balance of approximately \$200,000. The NYS Annual report reflected that EPL is a net lender.

A motion to approve the hiring of a new part- time librarian, Ralph Guida, at the rate of \$25/hour was unanimously approved. Director Wright stated that Ralph will work on a "will call" basis-- approximately 4-8 hours per week.

Upcoming programs/events include: Narcan Training Program on 4/22; "Reading Rocks" Summer Reading Program featuring rock climbing on 6/27; Annual Friends of the Library book sale on 4/27-30.

Committee Reports

Building Committee: Director Wright and Trustee Murtagh will be submitting a proposal to the EIAC 5K Committee. Director Wright is considering exterior LED lighting as well as furniture for the patio. Barnes and Noble donated 6 outdoor tables to the library.

Suggestions for next capital improvements: windows, elevator, updates to kitchen/staff quarters.

New Business

Next Trustee Institute meeting is scheduled for May 2 at the Mamaroneck Public Library. A motion to accept the Mission Statement was unanimously approved. A proposal to add language "Collections and [services]..." was unanimously approved.

The board will discuss the bylaws at its next meeting.

Old Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene E. Reda