

**Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Eastchester Public Library
January 17, 2018**

Present: Robert Cartolano (President), Library Director Tracy Wright, Astra Tudisco, Rosetta McArdle, Patrick Murtagh, Joseph Gresia and Darlene Reda. Town Councilman Joseph Dooley also attended the meeting.

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

Director's Report

Director Wright provided project status updates: (1) the lighting is finished; entire building now has LED lighting; (2) surplus grant funds were used to install three new, water-saving faucets downstairs and three upstairs, and (3) excess funds remaining from the 5K donation were used to purchase four new laptops. The Friends have asked Director Wright to look into purchasing a permanent outdoor that will be used to advertise upcoming programs and sales. All designs must be approved by the Town Sign Committee prior to purchase. The Board then discussed the possibility of opening a coffee bar at the library.

Kate Klein, whose position has been approved as a part-time public relations assistant, has been working on the newsletter, updating programs, and helping to publicize new programs. In February, a six-week program, "The Surveillance State" will be launched. Another Tech Day has tentatively been scheduled for February 24, 2018. The Library participated in a Wellness Initiative at Eastchester School District. Later this week, Director Wright will be attending a workshop at WLS Headquarters regarding strategic planning.

Committee Reports

No updates at this time.

Old Business

Donations in memory of Matthew DeMarco are still underway.

New Business

Library Advocacy Day is scheduled for February 28th. President Cartolano suggested that the question is, Are we fighting for the same (level) or additional funding? Currently, he is working on a project: "Can we Provide a Better EBook?" to address fragmentation in library systems' book checkout processes, comparing it to internet pre-browser days. ReadersFirst.org is trying to provide a single dashboard for ebooks, so that the ebook experience is as similar as possible to that with physical books. Ideally, users would be able to "search—click—read."

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35. The 2018 meetings are scheduled for 2/28, 4/11, 6/6, 7/18, 8/22, 10/3 and 11/14. All meetings will begin at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene E. Reda