

Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Eastchester Public Library
September 14, 2022

Present: Library Director Tracy Wright, Robert Cartolano (President), Rosetta McArdle, Astra Tudisco, James Martin, and Darlene Reda. Town Councilwoman Theresa Nicholson also attended.

Eva and Rachel Mozachenko attended and addressed the board. Representatives from Ecogy Energy (Brock Gibian and Serina Musallam) also attended and addressed the board.

Eva Mozachenko and her mom, Rachel, addressed the board to request that the library take volunteers at a younger age, suggesting that 13 or 14 years old would be appropriate. Director Wright said current town policy requires volunteers to be at least 16 years old. Further inquiry will be made by the board regarding minimum age for volunteers.

Brock Gibian from Ecogy Energy spoke at length regarding their proposal to build a solar project in the library parking lot. Ecogy is a for profit corporation based in Brooklyn. The project would include a 25 year lease term during which Ecogy would lease the space for \$12,000 year from the town.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. The minutes from the June 1, 2022 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved. Minutes from the August 10, 2022 meeting were also reviewed and approved with one revision as discussed.

President's Report

President Cartolano discussed how IMLS, the federal agency that grants money to libraries, museums and other organizations, is in the middle of a proposal with Lyricist and Palace to accelerate equitable access to ebooks.

Director's Report

Banned Books week is coming up—September 18-24. A Reconsideration of Materials form is available for patrons who wish to have a book's availability reconsidered.

Alan and Leslie Burger were here last week and seemed very impressed with the library. EPL is in need of more library advocates for focus groups. They are getting started now to give lead time for meetings.

On the grant front, there is not great news. Director Wright would like to get permission to change the existing grant; however, she cannot close out the SAM grant because the project is still not complete.

The Burgers and Chris Templeman have a lot of ideas on how EPL can encourage future gifts. Director Wright would like to put together an advisory committee to assist.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm. Next meeting is on October 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene E. Reda