

Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Eastchester Public Library
October 12, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. The minutes from the September 14, 2022 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

President's Report

DPLA and Columbia submitted a proposal to IMLS to advance ebooks at the national level. Apps include Palace for public libraries and Lyricist for academia. They are waiting to see if IMLS supports the initiative and believe funding will serve as a catalyst to private funding.

Director's Report

Nothing to report regarding next year's budget. Two focus groups were held yesterday; each had 10 participants including seniors and library advocates. The Rashkoff Room is starting to look a little shabby and will need to be redone soon. Considering asking FOL to pay for new window treatments (shades) in that room; if they say no, can look into using Fund Balance. President Cartolano asked if we could get a NYS Construction grant that would be used for that purpose.

Nothing is going on with the water remediation project. It will be going out to bid on Friday. Will try to get handicapped bathroom on first floor. EPL received money for new grant to change two existing bathrooms into handicapped accessible bathroom (\$80K State/\$80K match).

FOL found someone for their Financial Oversight Board. EPL Collection Development Policy was reviewed and revamped. Motion to approve the Collection Development Policy dated 10/12/22 as recently revised and attached to Minutes was unanimously approved. The Reconsideration of Library Materials form was then reviewed and revised. A motion to approve the revised Reconsideration of Library Materials form was unanimously approved.

The Volunteer Policy was deferred until the next meeting. President Cartolano commended Director Wright and staff for achievements during Banned Books week.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

Do we want to hold one more dog session? If so, need date and topic.

New Business

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm. Next meeting is on November 16, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene E. Reda

