

Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Eastchester Public Library
June 1, 2022

Present: Library Director Tracy Wright, Robert Cartolano (President), Rosetta McArdle, Astra Tudisco, James Martin, and Darlene Reda. Town Councilman Theresa Nicholson also attended, along with Norma and Paul Warner and Gerri.

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

President's Report

President Cartolano informed the board that the NYS Senate restored funding to \$34 million in construction aid. SAM grants—need last piece of window to be installed; can't do this until water remediation project is complete since SAM funding does not come through until the entire job has been completed. Director Wright feels we may be making a mistake doing the hallway handicapped bathroom now and would prefer to do others. She will have to have Lothrop draw up plans; project may not be feasible.

Director's Report

Director Wright discussed the cybersecurity issue, noting the malware attack on WLS affected EPL; library will be without public computers for three weeks. Summer reading program is about to get started with games for adults, teens and children.

The water remediation project has not gone out to bid. Leslie and Alan Berger, long range planners, recently toured the library. Canine Community therapy dogs and Giving Retrievers program has been very successful; lots of teens have registered.

Director Wright is working with Chris Templeman on setting up a new account for the M. Fox donation. Trustee Reda offered to meet with them as well.

The annual 5K Fundraiser is scheduled for October 2, 2022. Race registration will be held in library parking lot on 10/1. Town Tag Sale will be held on 9/25.

Committee Reports

Building Committee: see above.

Long Range Planning Committee: Chris Templeman from Morgan Stanley has been selected by the Friends to manage the M. Fox donation. Library Board is to participate—investment vehicle with opportunities for returns.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Councilwoman Nicholson updated the board on town issues. Recent changes/promotions within the police department: Chief Tim Bonci retired; Joe Rodriguez has been appointed as the new chief. The department is filling new positions. The Town is looking into having a covered pool at Lake Isle. Senior Center has been open for several weeks and has gotten good reviews. Director Wright noted that there is a library reading club at the Senior Center.

President Cartolano discussed Lyricist and Palace app. This would allow one app for all library books and free up access to e-books. Norma Warner stated we must do a lot of work to generate interest in the library again. Director Wright noted that the long-range planning company will assist with this.

Gerri inquired about adding a blurb to the newsletter regarding joining the Friends and the book sale.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm. Next meeting is on August 10, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene E. Reda