

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, May 13, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, May 13, 2024. President Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Present: Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Walker, Ms. Long, Mr. Lake and Mrs. van Horne-Brett. Mr. Reilly was absent Also, present Jennifer Long, Director, and Sheila Wolff, Business Manager.

Interested Citizens: None

Consent Agenda: A motion was made to accept the consent agenda by Mr. Lake and seconded by Mrs. Walker. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Communications: EASD accidental omitted us from their agenda for the April meeting, but will include the Library on the May 21st agenda to vote on our budget for 2024-2025.

Executive Session: On May 13th, The Board met in Executive Session, to discuss the Director's salary.

Committee Reports: None

Director's Report: The next book sale will be November 6-11th. Thank You to all the Friends and volunteers who work all the parts of putting the book sale together. This Spring book sale raised over \$6,400.00. The book sales sell the donations that we collect on Wednesday and Saturdays only, when we have a dedicated volunteer here to help with the donations. We started resource sharing with the rest of Lehigh and Carbon County Libraries. In April, we loaned 763 materials and borrowed 550. We welcomed back AARP tax help who was able to prepare 98 returns for our community. We will offering Blue Career through EBSCO. This database offers exploration into skilled trades.

Old Business: Strategic Planning Committee needs to schedule a retreat. Resource sharing is running smoothly. The 2024-25 Budget will be presented and voted on at the EASD meeting on May 21st.

New Business: The David Freytag estate forwarded the Library a check for \$5,000 as an unrestricted donation. The Walker Trbovic estate forwarded the Library a check for \$50,000 which is restricted to the general endowment fund. The funds have been deposited. The Board President Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs will be at a work conference next month. Vice President Mr. Thomas will run the meeting and Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs will Zoom in. Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the Library Director's salary, at the figure proposed, per the 2024-2025 budget and was seconded by Ms. Long, by voice vote, all were in favor. The terms of the Board of Directors were reviewed.

Mr. Lake made a motion to adjourn at 5:15 and was seconded by Ms. Long, by voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wolff
Recording Secretary

