

EASTON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Monday, October 11, 2021
3:00 pm. Palmer Branch

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Easton Area Public Library was held on Monday, October 11, 2021, at the Palmer Branch. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m., by President Mrs. Walker. Present: Mrs. Walker, Ms. Long, Mrs. van Horne-Brett, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Lake. Absent: Mr. Reilly and Mrs. Ramirez-Luhrs. Also present: Jennifer Long, Director and Sheila Wolff, Business Manager.

Interested Citizens: None.

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

Communications: Mrs. Long reported on two communications. The first Library tax payment will be available on October 20 from Easton Area School District. Mrs. Long will be deposed on Tuesday, November 9, regarding the litigation case involving the Library.

Reports on Executive Sessions: None.

Committee Reports: Ms. Long reported the Building and Grounds Committee met with Mr. Ken Case from the Easton Area School District to discuss building maintenance. Mr. Case informed the Library that the Engineers will be coming to inspect the building for capital improvements. A future meeting with Mr. Case will be scheduled to discuss responsibilities of the School District and the Library.

Director's Report: Mrs. Long informed the Board of Directors that the Palmer Branch received a final settlement check from the estate of Mr. Clifford Morris for \$709.85.

The public OPAC interface was updated and is "Chilipac", it allows patrons to create and search public book lists, their own book lists, write reviews and follow other reviewers.

The Library is partnering with the Bradbury Sullivan Center to offer a Flu Vaccine Clinic on November 11, from 10:00-12:00 in the Catherine Drake Room. This event is open to the public and the Library will receive a stipend of \$1000.00 to host the event. Lehigh Valley Health Network is administering the shots.

The Library will list the agenda for the Board of Directors meetings and minutes on our website.

Old Business: All but one conflict of interest forms have been received.

New Business: Ms. Cardell, Palmer Branch Manager, presented an annual review of the Palmer Branch. This year, with the challenges of the pandemic, the Palmer Branch met the challenge with virtual programming, hybrid programs, offered reader advisory lists, and encouraged our database offerings. Summer Reading, though modified, still increased the number of participants. The Fall brings a new sensory story time along with welcoming back 6 sessions a week of story times for the children. The Fall also welcomes back Adult and Young Adult Book Clubs, DIY story time crafts,

MARS-math art reading science Club, "I Survived" and "Who Was", with STEM activities, and Young Adult writing workshops.

The Palmer Township meeting room has fully relocated to the township building.

The Branch is installing new carpeting and relocating the children's area to the bowed window area in the back of the building sometime this winter, in partnership with Palmer Township.

A motion to adjourn at 4:10 pm. was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Lake. By voice vote all were in favor.

Next EAPL Board meeting: November 8, 2021.

Next EASD Board meeting: November 16, Mrs. Walker presenting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wolff, Recording Secretary