

**EAST LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present in-person:

P. Arnold, T. Borden, A. Fisher, L. Fitzgerald, C. Hayes, M. Helms, D. Jacobs, E. Karanth, J. Makiaris, L. McIlhenny, A. Santoro, L. Timothy, and P. Velcofsky.

Call to order: President David Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

Delegation from the public: Anne Santoro, was introduced representing the Board of Selectmen. She is an ex- officio member, and as such, has voting rights.

Secretary's Minutes:

Larry Fitzgerald made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Christie Hayes seconded. The motion was accepted. Ekata Karanth abstained.

Treasurer's Report:

John Makiaris's reported that the finance report through December 31, 2021, is up to date.

Director's Report:

Lisa Timothy reported that the door count, electronic circulation continues to increase, and circulation desk is 100%. Full time staff member Jean Lachance resigned. Library hired 2 new subs. Radha Thanabal has been promoted as 'Head of Circulation'. Rebecca Scotka won a statewide children's storytelling award.

She added library received grants from CT Humanities Society for custom made storybook trail at Bridebrook park for next summer. Library is planning to hire an artist and author who can create a Bridebrook story program and turn it into a story walk.


Lisa informed that library received town pension bill 50% less than expected. She added, library is planning to make media room into a small meeting room.

President's Update: Updated in the New Business

Committee Report:

- Administrative policy: None
- Personnel: Full time staff member resigned. 2 new part-time staff members are hired. College and high school intern will be hired by the end of January 2022.
- Public Relations: No Report
- Nomination: No Report
- Budget: update on what went to town hall.
- Publication Committee: None

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- Strategic Planning Committee: Lisa mentioned that Strategic planning is done every three years and is now due since 2021. Library will wait until Covid-19 pandemic is over for long term planning.

Social Justice Ad hoc Committee:

Dave briefly talked about the committee and will ask Steve Luber to discuss and updates on initiatives at March board meeting.

Old Business:

Historical Museum news and progress: Lisa and Dave updated on the progress of Historical Museum building.

Board vacancies: Dave asked the Board Members to fill the vacancy with a minority resident of East Lyme. Board members shared their viewpoint.

New Business:

Social Justice Book Discussion leaders: Lisa suggested that if a Social Justice Book Discussion is established, that board members volunteers to conduct the book discussion. Members can take turns. Library will arrange for all the needs like arranging the books, set of book discussion questions, etc.

Donation to pro bono nonprofit: Christie Hayes made a motion to donate \$500 to pro bono nonprofit that Dave worked for the library last year. Loretta McIlhenny seconded. The motion was accepted.

Collaboratory discussion: Lisa briefly discussed about the Collaboratory spaces in library and shared some ideas how we can redo spaces. Also, if board members are interested in the expansion of the library, she will send the email for the webinar on library expansion to the board members.

Adjournment: Abe Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Platt Arnold seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Date of next meeting: Monday, March 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.