

**EAST LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 03, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present in-person:

P. Arnold, T. Borden, A. Fisher, L. Fitzgerald, C. Giamalis, M. Helms, D. Jacobs, E. Karanth, S. Luber, J. Makiaris, L. McIlhenny, M. Ortiz, L. Timothy, P. Velcofsky and M. Zamarka. Board of Selectmen Representative: A. Santoro

Call to order: President David Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Delegation from the public: None

Secretary's Minutes:

Dave made a correction in meeting minutes for the month of March'22, Director's report: "Lisa and Dave met with Kevin Seery and also with Board of Selectmen to discuss next year's budget". Abe Fisher made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Larry Fitzgerald seconded. The motion was accepted. Ekata Karanth and Mark Zamarka abstained.

Treasurer's Report:

John Makiaris's reported that the finance report through April 31, 2022, is up to date. Peter Velcofsky mentioned CD rates are low, will wait for the increase on interest rate to move some treasury funds. Abe Fisher made a motion to accept the previous treasurer's report. Christine Giamalis seconded. The motion was accepted.

Director's Report:


Lisa Timothy reported library issued new children's library cards for ages up to 16. She mentioned that a children's library workshop article on cartoons was published in The Day newspaper. She also added that Rebecca received a statewide award for mentoring other libraries for storytellers. The library will be open until 8:00 pm. She added the town has approved the ARP funds to support the funding that the library has requested. Lisa briefly described the architectural changes in the library. Lisa updated the board members with the change in format for the newsletter. The new Storybook trail has been installed in Bridebrook park. She said that the Connecticut Library Association conference will be held in-person and she will be attending it with few other library employees.

President's Update: Updated in the Old Business

Committee Report:

- Administrative policy: No Report
- Personnel: No Report
- Public Relations: No Report

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- Nomination: Loretta distributed the proposed nomination slate of Officers for the Board of Trustees for FY23.
- Budget: No report
- Publication Ad Hoc Committee: No report
- Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee: No report
- Social Justice Ad hoc Committee: Steve said a high school representative board member Nikitha Bolineni contacted him, to share her thoughts on Social Justice.

Old Business:

Historical Museum news and progress: Dave was pleased with the opening of Historical Museum at first firehouse in Flanders. He added it's an asset to the town of East Lyme. Dave and Lisa briefly updated on the progress of the Historical Museum building. The projected opening date is Spring of 2023.

New auditor: Already discussed under Treasurer's Report

New Business:

Censorship and patron privacy: Lisa briefly educated the board members about the American Library Association - library bill of rights. Christine Giamalis made a motion to adopt the document, American Library Association – Library Bill of Rights Mark Ortiz seconded. Motion was accepted.

Patron privacy: Lisa briefly talked about ELPL Confidentiality of Library Records and Patron Privacy draft to the board members. It is currently in draft form. Trustee members Mark Zamarka & Christine Giamalis will review them.

Distribution of new bylaws: Dave said library had new bylaws last year. Christine volunteered to retype the bylaws in easily readable format. Christine moved the motion to adopt the new bylaws, Mark Zamarka seconded. Motion passed.

Adjournment: Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Christine Giamalis seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

Date of next meeting: Monday, July 11, 2022, 6:15 p.m.

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