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EAST LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
January 09, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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*Kenneth Hill*  
TOWN CLERK

**Members Present:**

T. Attanasio, N. Bolineni, T. Borden, A. Fisher, L. Fitzgerald, C. Hayes, M. Helms, D. Jacobs, E. Karanth, S. Luber, J. Makiaris, L. Timothy, M. Zamarka, and A. Santoro.

**Call to order:** President Larry Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Delegation from the public:** None.

**Secretary's Minutes:**

Mark Zamarka asked to remove his name from Members Present as he was absent. Dave Jacobs made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, as corrected. Christie Hayes seconded. Steve Luber, Mark Zamarka, and Ekata Karanth abstained. The motion was accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:**

John Makiaris reported that finances are up to date. Tara Borden updated the board members that John Makiaris, Pete Velcofsky, Lisa Timothy, and herself discussed and opened a CD of approximately \$126,500 at Chelsea Groton Bank at the rate of 3% annually.

**Director's Report:**

Lisa updated;

The RFQ for the Community Center feasibility plan to expand the library building is scheduled for next week. Wi-Fi hot spots are popular and in high demand, so the library ordered two more devices. She added three library staff members visited the high school as part of outreach efforts to educate students about the resources available at the library. The library staff members also met high school library staff and discussed ways they might work together in the future. Lisa informed the board members that the library's phone system is 15 years old, and she, along with the other departments in the Community Center, is getting bids to upgrade or replace. The new conference room is ready for the upgraded furniture and equipment; all the old furniture is moved out. Lisa added she visited the Red Thread company (who is consulting on the new conference room project) in East Hartford to see the video conference devices and the furniture. The library is planning to set up the conference room by March. Lisa added in December, that IRA funds of Ruth Tombari are to be split between the library and the senior center. Lisa is working on paperwork to transfer the funds to the library. Lastly, Lisa updated that the East Lyme Library Foundation is sponsoring an event at East Lyme High School on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April; she encouraged all board members to attend and spread the word.

**President's Update:**

Larry started by expressing his gratitude to East Lyme Public Library staff members, and the Board of Trustees. He informed the board members the Millstone plaque will be installed in the spring. Larry shared his thoughts on how the library can provide mental health support to the patrons in need. Nikhita Bolineni shared her thoughts by how the high school are providing activities and creating clubs for students. Larry kept the discussion open with all suggestions are welcome from the board members.

