

**EAST LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING**

**July 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

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**Present:** P. Arnold, A. Attanasio, K. Bolineni, N. Bolineni, T. Borden, A. Fisher, L. Fitzgerald, C. Giamalis, S. Guida, C. Hayes, M. Helms, D. Jacobs, S. Lubber, J. Makiaris, A. Sabloto, L. Timothy, and M. Zamarka.

*Larry Fitzgerald*  
TOWN CLERK

**Call to Order:** President Larry Fitzgerald called the annual meeting to order at 7:00 pm. It is stipulated in our By-Laws to have an annual meeting, once a year.

**Delegations from the Public:** None.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Minutes from the previous annual meeting of July 11, 2022 were distributed. Christine Giamalis moved that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by David Jacobs. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** John Makiaris commended that this "end of year" budget ended with a healthy surplus. He commended Tara Borden, Sue Guida and library staff for the exemplary attention to detail they have given to budget responsibilities in the past year. Lisa Timothy noted that the auditor will be here August 1st to begin the fiscal audit for 2023.

**Director's State of the Library Report:** Lisa handed out the Director's State of the Library Report, which is attached. She also handed out the Fiscal Budget for 2022/2023, which is also attached. She noted key points of the report, such as the feasibility study, the new conference room, the vigilance against censorship efforts, staff development and increased patron attendance and circulation, especially in the Children's Room.

**Recognition of Department Board Members:** David Jacobs moved that, in honor of her three year term of service on the Library's Board of Trustees, and in recognition of her fulfillment of her Trustee duties as High School Representative, be it resolved that Nikhita Bolineni is recognized for her distinguished service with grateful and sincere thanks for her significant contributions to the library. The motion was seconded by Platt Arnold. Motion passed. Nikhita, recently graduated from East Lyme High School, was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a book. David Jacobs also moved that, in honor of his nine year term of continuous service on the Library's Board of Trustees, and in recognition of his fulfillment of his Trustee duties, be it resolved that Anthony Attanasio is named with Distinction as Trustee Emeritus, with most sincere thanks for his dedicated service. The motion was seconded by Molly Helms. Motion passed. Tony was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a book.

**Nominating Committee:** Larry Fitzgerald recognized Platt Arnold of the Nominating Committee, who read the following **Proposed Slate of Officers for FY 23/24:**

President: Larry Fitzgerald  
Vice-President: Steve Luber  
Treasurer: John Makiaris  
Assistant Treasurer: Peter Velcofsky  
Secretary: Ekata Karanth  
Assistant Secretary: Christine Giamalis

Molly moved that the proposed slate of officers for the East Lyme Library Board of Trustees be approved. The motion was seconded by Christie Hayes. Motion passed.

**Proposed Slate of Trustees for an Additional 3-year cycle:** Platt Arnold, David Jacobs and Mark Zamarka.

David Jacobs moved that the proposed slate of trustees for an additional 3-year cycle be amended to include Karthik Bolineni as High School Representative on the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Abe Fisher. Motion passed.

Christine Giamalis moved that the Proposed Slate of Trustees for an additional 3-year cycle, as amended, be approved. The motion was seconded by Nikhita Bolineni. Motion passed.

**Other Business:** David Jacobs noted that July 1, 2023 marked Lisa Timothy's 20th anniversary as Executive Director of the Library.

There being no further business, Christine Giamalis moved that the meeting adjourn at 7:18 pm. The motion was seconded by Christie Hayes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Christine Giamalis, Assistant Secretary

Next year's annual meeting has been scheduled on July 8, 2024.