

**EAST LYME PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 08, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

P. Arnold, K. Bolineni, K. Fargo, C. Giamalis, C. Hayes, M. Helms, D. Jacobs, E. Karanth, J. Makiaris, L. Timothy, P. Velcofsky, First Selectman D. Cunningham and Deputy First Selectman A. Cicchiello.

Call to order: Dave Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Delegation from the public: First Selectman Dan Cunningham and Deputy First Selectman Ann Cicchiello introduced themselves. Ann will represent the Board of Selectman as an ex-officio member of the trustees.

Secretary's Minutes:

Christie Hayes made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Platt Arnold seconded. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: John Makiaris reported that finances are up to date.

Director's Report: Lisa reported that the town has agreed to cover 2/3^{rds} of the weekend custodial costs for the remainder of the fiscal year. The library will pay 1/3rd of the cost (\$ 3,000). Lisa announced that the committee will interview 9 candidates for the position of Assistant Director. She added that the library is also interviewing for another Sub or two.

President's Update: Dave shared 2 articles from The New York Times. In the first, at the town in upstate New York, a library scheduled a program involving Drag queens. The backlash resulted in the closing of the library. The other article mentioned difficulties libraries face with patron challenging books on their shelves.

Committee Report:

- **Administrative policy:** No Report
- **Personnel:** Interviews for Assistant Director are in place.
- **Public Relation:** No Report.
- **Nomination:** No Report
- **Budget:** FY 2024-25 has been submitted.
- **Publication Committee:** No Report
- **Strategic Planning Committee:** Lisa explained briefly about strategic planning and the feasibility report. She is still looking for board members to join the committee.

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- Social Justice Committee: No Report

Old Business:

Feasibility update: Waiting for the final report from the architects.

Intellectual Freedom reconsideration for process: Under instruction, the second sentence should be: There are 2 sides to this form; you must complete both sides. On the back item 6 should read: is there an item or program that fits within library's collection development policy that you would recommend the library consider? This motion was made by Platt Arnold and seconded by Christine Giamalis. Motion was passed.

Accept new forms for East Lyme Archives project: The full board had a discussion on East Lyme History Collection and Archives Collection Management Policy. Christie and Platt will work together on making grammatical changes to the policy.

New Business:

Continue book checks with Platt, Chris and Molly: Platt, Christine and Molly will continue to check the top 10 ban books from ALA year 2022-2023. They will keep continue to do the same for the year 2024.

Adjournment: John made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Christie Hayes, seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Date of next meeting: Monday, March 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Ekata Karanth
Secretary