East Haddam Public Library System

Program Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Dec 7, 2020

5:00 pm

East Haddam Free Public Library

**Committee Members Present**: Chris vanValkenburg, Janine Broe

**Committee Members Absent**: Chris Delisle

**Also Present**: Michael Gilroy

Meeting called to order by Chris vanValkenburg at 5:03 pm

1. Old Business
    a. 100th Celebration Overview: Mike did a presentation, however, there was not a lot of attendance.
    b. Holiday Market Spotlight of Vendors on Facebook: very popular. Can see the vendor of the week on the right side of the Library Website. Thank you to Janet for setting this up
    c. Program Meetings Dates and Time Update: Will not have meetings on July 5 nor September 6 due to holidays. If needed will set up special meetings. Updates were sent to Jane C who is organizing all meetings dates/times
    d. EHCL Light Up the Holiday: usually raffle baskets for silent auction are set up in Rathbun, this year they were done virtually. Folks did come to the library where they were helped to place their bids via 32Auctions. Hopefully the library will continue to work with EHCL on this event.

2. New Business
    a. New Ideas – Jane Chisolm's colleague at Pfizer has offered to a presentation on Vaccines. We ask that we can review the presentation. Unfortunately, during these times, it can be politicized, and we want to make sure it is not, and it is high level. Will bring it up at the board meeting.
    b. Santa Stroll: rebranded from Family Night. Will be Saturday, Dec 12, 1:30-3:30pm Heritage Park. Santa will be on a Fire Truck and Mrs. Claus will be on a Holiday Decked out Pick Up. They will be at the Heritage Park to wave to families and selfies can be taken. Families will enter and exit at separate areas and traffic will be 1 way like the Pumpkin Walk. Working with park and rec on registration. Right now have 36 families signed up. Maximum Capacity is 500 people but won't reach that. Members of the Leo Club will be helping.
    c. Other Programs:
        - Tues Dec 8 American Girl Club 3:30pm

- Tues Dec 15 Build a Stuff Moose w/ Karen 3:30pm
- Thurs Dec 17 Creepy Christmas w/ Dave Cassenti

d. 2021 Program Goals – will begin to rebuild the program once things calm down with the pandemic. 2021 will be the Year of Recovery.
    - Juliana sent out the Board Effectiveness Survey for everyone to fill out.

**3.** Library Metrics
   a. Will have updates including state report

**4.** Audience of Citizens – none

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:27 pm.

Next Meeting will be January 4, 4:30pm via Zoom