Minutes

East Haddam Library System Board of Trustees

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Municipal Office Building
Meeting Room 3

6:30 PM

Mission Statement: The East Haddam Public Library System seeks to enrich lives by helping to build communities of lifelong learners. The system provides access to historical collections, offers materials in print and digital formats, and gives community members opportunities to share in public discussion.

I. Call to Order by D Barlow 6:33pm
   a. Trustees present: D Barlow, K McRae, C vanValkenburg, S Jezek, M Mazur, A Hinchcliff
   b. Also present: E Morgen (Director EHLS),

II. Approval of May 9, 2024, meeting minutes accepted as presented.

III. Directors Report – E Morgen reported that the Summer Reading Program kicks off June 29th at the Grange; EHLS has used 90.4 % of the budget; Tom Sevigny presented information on Broadband Connectivity on June 6; Met with 1st Selectman, Irene Haines on creating a presentation and displays highlighting the options and see which the community prefers. There will be displays of the current libraries and the issues. Pros and cons for each site will be available. Starting July 1, closing hours will be extended from 4pm to 5pm.
   a. Finance Committee Report – 2023-2024 budget is on track; 2024-25 budget passed referendum on May 14; No opposition to the committee meeting location change.
   b. Governance Committee Report – Did not meet but the Employee Surveys will be distributed to both libraries.
   c. Development Committee Report – Did not meet.
   d. Friends of Rathbun: Marionette shows and other events that will be co-sponsored with Friends of EHFPL should have representatives at meetings to discuss. Half-pint village will start Oct 26. Looking for support to create villages and promotion of event. Officers will remain the same.
   e. Friends of EHFPL: Most officers will remain the same with exception Heidi Pope will be secretary; Gently used books can be dropped off at 1st Church every Tuesday 10-12pm until Oct 1; Baystate books bought Discovery books and can pick up unsold books for a fee; Local Author Showcase Nov 16 at Grange; Children's auction kids can get a ticket to put in for a prize every time they get a book. Will have 2 drawings: July & Aug.

IV. Unfinished Business
   A. Internship Program – E Morgen confirmed that Ray Board provided a $8000 grant to be spent as quickly or slowly as needed. Intern will be covered until March 2025; however, Ray Board will not provide another grant. Have a 2nd intern during the summer which is the time of year when needed since there are more programs. S Jezek suggested asking the East Haddam Lions to see if they can help with providing funds for an intern.
   B. 2024-2025 Budget –no change

C. CLC Strategic Planning Cohort-Develop Strategic Plan Committee – no other report right now. E Morgen has a zoom meeting and all staff meeting so will have more information at the next meeting.

D. Location of Finance Subcommittee Meetings: C vanValkenburg made a motion to accept the change to Rathbun starting August to allow location change to be posted for at least 30 days. S Jezek 2nd the motion. All voted in favor with no further discussion needed.

V. Location of Finance Subcommittee Meetings

VI. New Business - none

VII. Audience of Citizens – none

VIII. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

The meeting will be streamed live on YouTube at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLZq-CmatoKY6FW829c6mBA You may also access the YouTube Live link from the Town's website: www.easthaddam.org

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