East Haddam Library System

Board of Trustees

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of November 10, 2022

1. Meeting called to order by D Barlow at 6:34 PM

   Trustees present: D Barlow, J Bielot, M Mazur, A Hinchcliff, C vanValkenburg, J Ranudo,

   Also present: M Gilroy Library System Director

   Absent: W Barney, C DeLisle, J Broe

2. Minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2022, accepted as presented
3. Director's Report
   a. Hole patched at EHFPL
   b. Elevator repaired at Rathbun
   c. 21Oct Fairy Village at Rathbun well attended with around 300 visitors
   d. 19Nov Pop Up Mkt at Rathbun 10-4
   e. 22Nov-2Dec EH Community Lions Light Up the Holiday at Rathbun
   f. 11Nov Teen Art at EHFPL
   g. 18Nov Jr Dino at EHFPL
   h. 30Nov Adult Art at EHFPL
   i. Lots of regularly scheduled events
   j. Annual Report: Attendance is close to 2018-2019. State will compile all libraries and will be published
   k. 1Dec Kids Night on Moodus Green and Municipal Office Complex
4. Committee Reports
   a. Finance 2023 budget process will begin week of 14Nov with meetings. Priorities are pay scale for legacy employees and FTE for EHFPL
   b. Program met Mary M to see if Historical society can host an Alzheimer's seminar. Chris v will be moving to Governance committee.
5. Unfinished Business
   a. New Library Study Committee 9Nov was last meeting. Final report is 133 pages long most is appendices. In process of being printed and bound. Will be distributed to BOS and BOF and available digitally. Hope to present 7Dec at BOS meeting.
      i. In Summary issue with present buildings is size, cannot expand, parking and both are not up to 21st century spaces.
      ii. 3 different sites proposed but not responsibility of this committee for final decision. That will be on Building Committee. Primary site is property adjacent to Grange Hall. Other sites are area by Heritage Park and by Municipal Office Complex.
   b. Library Board 2022 Goals
      i. Improve efforts to serve underserved population. Survey results will be resent to board members

ii. Effective trustees: work with Friends Boards at both libraries by either attending their meetings or events
iii. CT Library Association conference coming up Apr 30-May 2
iv. There will be 4 BOT spots open for 2023 election
v. Members for the 2023 Committees:
    1. Finance: Dawn B, John B, Bill B
    2. Governance: Juliana R, Janine B, Chris v
    3. Program: Mary M, Alice H, Chris D
    4. Need Chair and Secretary for each committee at Dec 8 meeting
vi. Calendar for 2023 Committee:
    1. Finance Monday before BOT meeting
    2. Program 1st Monday of the month
    3. Governance 9am day of BOT meeting
    4. BOT will be moved to Wed instead of Thurs starting Jan 2023

6. The was no audience of citizens
7. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Submitted by: C vanValkenburg acting Secretary of BOT