

East Rockaway Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the East Rockaway Public Library Board of Trustees was held on October 17, 2023. Secretary Cynthia Lark called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

Those members present were Trustees Noreen Canty and Diana Muller. Trustees Gary Aue and Danielle D'Esposito were absent with prior notice. Also present was Library Director Mary Thorpe.

Secretary Lark presented the minutes of the September 19, 2023 monthly meeting. Upon a motion by Trustee Canty, seconded by Trustee Muller and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.

Abstract Review:

Secretary Lark presented the Abstract of Audited Vouchers #s 4a & 5 which were reviewed. Upon a motion by Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Canty, and unanimously carried, the vouchers were approved.

Line Budget and Trust and Agency Account:

Secretary Lark presented the October 2023 Line Budget and Trust and Agency reports. On a motion from Trustee Muller, seconded by Trustee Canty and unanimously carried, the reports were accepted as presented.

Circulation Report:

The September circulation report was presented.

Directors Report:

Each library was given a Pocketalk translator by the Co-Central libraries. It can translate both audio and text. This will be a great tool for the staff in helping with non-English speaking patrons.

NLS has Officially recommended a 50% reimbursement for the construction grant.

We have added a Happy Birthday Lawn sign to our Library of Things.

This winter we would like to add some Saturday story times and crafts. Possibly Legos and Playdoh as well.

The lighting is nearly complete. They are still waiting for a few fixtures that are on backorder.

The students from ERHS Life Skills class will be here on Tuesday mornings.

The first Books & Brews was held on October 5th and was very successful. We had about seven patrons attend.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

A. Vote to Approve the Recommended ILS 2024 Budget

On a vote of 3 to 0, the board voted in favor of the ILS recommended budget and schedule of fees for 2024.

B. Vote to approve NLS Request for Member Library

On a vote of 3 to 0, the board voted in favor of the request for NLS' request for Member Library Support for calendar years 2024 and 2025.

C. Review of the Library Board of Trustees Ethics Policy

On a motion from Trustee Lark and seconded by Trustee Muller, the board voted 3 to 0 to accept the policy as written.

Period of Trustee Expression:

Period of Public Expression

Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Trustee Canty, and seconded by Trustee Muller, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

I hereby certify that the minutes were reviewed and approved at the November 14, 2023, board meeting by the Board of Trustees of the East Rockaway Public Library.

Cynthia Lark, Secretary