

July 15, 2022 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE EAST HAMPTON LIBRARY HELD AT 4:00 PM.

Sheila Rogers called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Present: Akkad, Collins, Davison, Deichert, Druker, Egen (zoom), Ferrin (zoom), Fabiszak (Executive Director), French (Business Operations and Human Resource Officer), Gilbert, Goren, Lipper, Molinari, Pool, Rae, Rogers, Shaw, Soriano, Thomas and Walter.

Absent: Arandia, Corwin, Parker, Ross, Schaeffer and Willet.

A motion to approve the minutes for the June meeting was made by Rick Gilbert and seconded by Sara Davison — passed.

Chairperson’s Report:

- a. Authors Night. Sheila Rogers reported that there is an outstanding list of authors this year. To date, ticket sales have been slow. The costs to put on the event have increased greatly. Sheila requested that Board members help to promote the event, purchase dinner tickets and plan to help with food, catering and possibly provide housing for a few authors. Extra invitations are available at the circulation desk; people can buy their tickets at the desk as well as online. Dennis Fabiszak stated that the July 26 Main Beach concert will allow a table for Author Night ticket sales. Banners announcing the event have been posted in the village. Dennis also shared the link on the East Hampton Library website which allows people to donate and sponsor rides for the free Children’s Fair. This link will be included in an email blast to patrons. Music with Miss Lori and a fire juggler have been hired as performers. Healthier food options will be offered this year.

President’s Report:

- a. Tom Twomey Series. Sara Davison reported that on September 24, 2022 at 2:00 pm, there will be a walking tour of Green River Cemetery. Hugh King will speak about the history of the locals buried there and Helen Harrison of the Pollack Krasner house will speak about the artists. There will be a tie-in with a book about cemeteries. In October, Dark Skies will be the lecture series topic. A food and drink session is still in the works. A lecture about plastics will occur in a future year with a possible tie-in with a Guild Hall presentation of art made from plastic.

Treasurer’s Report: Rick Gilbert reported that expenses are well managed and revenue is similar to last year’s revenue at this time. A motion to approve the draft management report and disbursements for June was made by Charlie Soriano and seconded by Debbie Walter—passed.

YTD as of 6/30/2022

Total Operating Revenue	\$2,332,412
Total Operating Expenses	1,610,589
Operating Surplus	\$ 721,823
Net Transfers	465,000
Net Surplus	\$1,186,823
Operating Disbursements	\$ 183,466.08
Other Disbursements	4,867.88
Total Disbursements	\$ 188,333.96

Book Sales: Debbie Walter reported that the books donated by Howard Stern have been interesting and there were many books that were signed. Steve Spataro has bundled some of the Howard Stern books to be sold on ebay.

Director’s Report: Dennis Fabiszak addressed the Board on the following topics:

- a. Personnel Report: Nuelle Rose Johnson was hired as a scanning clerk. Tara Ragona and Michele McCauley resigned their full time positions as Children’s Librarians. Mayra Scanlon resigned as a full time librarian in the Long Island Collection (LIC). Brianna Calle resigned as part time page.
- b. Staffing. According to Dennis, the LIC librarian position generated a lot of interest because it is a rare position. A librarian from Shelter Island is interested in the position. Dennis explained that instead of hiring a person to scan documents in the LIC, he would like to hire another librarian. Based on an exit interview with Mayra Scanlon, it was learned that the LIC needs another librarian to help with serving the public with reference work, uploading and cataloguing new material to the digital website, scanning documents and writing the “item of the week” article for the paper. The salary of a librarian is higher than a scanning position but could be covered this year; however, it would cost the library an extra \$50,000 next year. The 2023 budget would have to be amended and approved. Rick Gilbert supported that decision to hire another librarian stating that the LIC is one of the most valuable assets of the EH Library. A motion to approve the hiring of Nuelle Rose Johnson and the creation of a new position for an additional LIC librarian as well as the resignations of Tara Ragona, Michele McCauley and Briana Calle was made by Chip Rae and seconded by Jim Pool—passed.
- c. Summer Reading Club. Reading clubs for children, young adults and adults has been popular. Over 400 children have signed up for the summer reading club.
- d. Haunted Library. The plan for the Haunted Library to be held Saturday, October 29 is bigger than better than ever, so much so, the organizers want to close the library at 12:00 pm to have time to set up. Board members can volunteer. This is the third largest event that the EH Library holds.

Dennis shared a list of equipment from the tech department that is over ten years old and obsolete. A motion was made by Brooke Goren and seconded by Susan Akkad to dispose of the equipment—passed.

A motion to adjourn at 4:54 pm was made by Chip Rae and seconded by Brooke Goren—passed.

The next meeting is August 19, 2022 at 4:00 pm

Submitted by Ellen Collins