

Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library Board Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2022
4:30pm In-person & Zoom

Meeting called to order 4:30pm

Attending- Lynn Skolnick, Maureen O'Meara, Sari Rosenheck, Marcia Raponi, Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Zoom - Steve Sharoff. Absent- Connie Keller.

Motion to approve agenda, Sari, second Marcia, approved.

Motion to approve June 16, 2022 minutes – Sari, second Marcia, approved.

Correspondence: RCLS IT/ILS packet & Q & A sessions – two more sessions to attend

RCLS Randy Enos Award Announcement 7-14-22 naming Cheryl to receive award for Big Read summer, 2021 program

Thank you card & Dunkin Donuts to staff from Marvin Rappaport

Public Comment: Dominic E. – terminated employee - in attendance to discuss his termination. Lynn stated library followed Sullivan County Civil Service protocol for probationary/provisional employees. D.E. remained in attendance until board went into executive session.

Voucher approval: Check # 19265 for \$884.27 to pay Cardmember Service – the library credit card - was added. It was processed late. Maureen reviewed it at the meeting. Motion to accept Maureen, second Sari.

Financials: Lynn mentioned most line items at 50%, a few below 50% except for a few large items which are paid once annually. Sari motioned to approve, Marcia seconded, approved.

Bills to be Paid: Motion by Sari, second Marcia, approved.

Connie's programming report submitted. B & G and policy did not meet this month. Next B & G committee scheduled for 8/4/22 at 4:15pm

Friends of Library – Steve attended July 12th: No quorum, raffle for American Girl Doll and Trex bench going well: Cost 1 - \$5, 3- \$10, 7 - \$20. Farmer's markets going well. Bagelfest on 8-14-22, volunteers needed. If Bd. Members have not renewed their annual Friends membership, please do so.

Director's report: See report posted on portal. Discussion on: the kiosk charging station with alt-E & delays – now on Mary Paige's part.

Flexible Spending Account (FSA). Information was posted on the board portal. Motion to accept FSA for staff be included in 2023 budget by Sari, seconded Maureen. All approved.

[The Black Library](#) is in the beginning stages. Funded through a grant applied for through HPAC. They are looking for space in Monticello - preferably on Broadway.

Old Business:

Motion to accept Marvin Rappaport's resignation with regret. Motion by Sari, second Maureen. Approved by all.

Gulf Summit Event attended by Lynn and Mary Paige – lovely event. Juneteenth event went well, planning for multi-day event next year. Discussion on Covid updates.

New Business:

5pm executive session motion by Sari, second Maureen. Approved by all.

5:14pm Out of executive session, motion Marcia, second Sari. Approved by all.

2023 Proposed Budget –

RCLSIT/ILS Agreement: Trustee sessions online. Attend a session, read agreement. Minimal change for EBCPL in 2023. Costs beyond 2023 not yet known. Two options: 1. Fully supported (we have now). 2. Hybrid. We will likely remain fully supported but will explore our options prior to vote on how to proceed due to RCLS October 1.

Trustee appointment: 3 persons submitted letters. Lori Orestano-James, Tom Rue and Rich Arnold. Rich Arnold will be offered the trustee position vacated by Marvin Rappaport. Letters/emails will be sent to everyone thanking them for their interest.

Trying to hire P.T. security attendant.

Lynn Skolnick announced she will not be running for re-election in October, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51pm by Sari, second Maureen. All approved.

Next meeting August 18, 2022 at 4:30pm 2023 proposed Budget Hearing at 4:15pm