

East Norwalk Association Library Board
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2018
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In Attendance: Sarah Mann, Sarah Mills, Kathy Cray, Nicholas Clarke, Janet McRae, Minnieola Davis, Roberta Bauchner

Staff: Sylvia Archibald

Public: Debora Goldstein

President's Report: Sarah Mann called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

MSP the February 20th, 2018 meeting minutes.

Sarah reported that she, Kathy and Pinky have revised the budget to \$162,900 due to the reduction of monies from the TTD. If we can raise \$11,500, the TTD will match it.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Cray reported that our income is projected to be approximately \$35,000 under budget and our expenses approximately \$15,000 under budget. That leaves us with a negative balance of \$20,000. The budget must be set by July 1, 2018.

During a discussion, Sarah Mann stated that it was impossible to change the perception of the library in one year. Although we were able to raise \$1,400, corporate donations were not there. She continued that the Norwalk community libraries are not a priority. The children in upper class communities go to libraries more often. She will approach Jim Anderson for donations from the Norwalk Business Association. We must also figure out how to approach the developers in Norwalk for contributions.

Kathy suggested that the next meeting be focused on fundraising. She asked that everyone come to the meeting with an idea, an action plan and a timeline.

MSP to table the vote on the budget.

MSP the Treasurer's report.

Director's Report: Sylvia reported that there were never many books targeted for middle schoolers, and she will change that. A suggestion was made that we have volunteer tutors for middle schoolers at the library, but Sylvia pointed out that it would be difficult with the schools teaching the Common Core Curriculum. Sylvia approached a teacher regarding doing programs, but the teacher showed no interest.

Sylvia explained what she has planned for the Easter Program. There will be crafts and a story hour instead of a movie. Sarah Mann's husband will be the Easter Bunny.

Minnie suggested we ask for a donation for the Easter basket and a picture with the bunny. It was decided that we put out a jar with a "donation" sign but not an amount. After further discussion, it was decided that some of the adult programs would be fee based but the children's programs would be donation based.

Sarah Mann, Sarah Mills, Kathy Cray, Minnie Davis, Roberta Bauchner and Nicholas Clarke will be at the library Saturday, March 24th to help with the Easter Program.

MSP the Director's report.

MSP to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

MSP to exit Executive Session.

New Business: No new business

Old Business: No old business

MSP to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: April 17, 2018