

EASTERN SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of Meeting
April 6, 2009

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Shore Public Library met on April 6, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the main library in Accomac. All members of the board were present except Ms. Spencer-Holley.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 9, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

Branch Reports

Reporting for Island Library, Mr. Jester stated that construction is proceeding on the addition and that they have broken through the wall of the original structure.

Reporting for Cape Charles Memorial Library, Mrs. Wiegner stated that they were looking to develop a building plan.

Friends Reports

Mrs. Lawrence stated that the NFL Friends will have their annual meeting on Tuesday, April 21st at the library. There will be wine, a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and readings by writing students from ESO.

By-Laws Discussion

After a discussion of several elements of the proposed board by-laws, it was agreed that they needed further revision and would be presented again at the May meeting.

Budget and Financial Reports

Mrs. Vincent reported on the status of the Accomack County budget process for FY2010.

Registration Policy

The proposed registration policy was discussed and will be revised and presented at the May meeting.

Trustees Workshop

Thursday, June 11th was set as the day for the Trustees Workshop with Libby Lewis from the Library of Virginia. Her workshop will last for half of the day and the remainder of the day will be spent planning on the next steps for the system based on the recommendations in the consultant's report.

Stimulus Funds

Mrs. Vincent shared the contents of an email sent by the Library of Virginia confirming that the state had decided to use all discretionary funds from the stimulus package to balance the state budget and that there was no money available for library construction projects from these funds. There is stimulus money earmarked for broadband connectivity for libraries and the Library of Virginia will be coordinating efforts regarding the application process for those funds when the criteria have been released. Mrs. Lawrence suggested that the board invite Pat Coady, the interim executive director of the local broadband project, to the May meeting to discuss the current status of the project and how libraries can benefit from the planned service.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Eastern Shore Public Library Board of Trustees will be Monday, May 4, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Accomac branch.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.