

## Hillsdale Free Public Library

Board of Trustees

April 21, 2014

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*In attendance were: Barbara Braun, Warren Harris, Robert Heiliger, Joanne Miano, Allen Saslowsky, Kathleen Scordato, Barbara Wertheim*

*Also present: David Franz, Director of the Library*

*Excused: Douglas Frank, Guy Mulé*

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Ms. Braun, President, called to order a meeting of the Trustees of the Free Public Library of Hillsdale, Bergen County, New Jersey. Notice of this meeting was transmitted to the newspaper of record, filed with the Borough Clerk, and posted on the Library's website and bulletin board, in accordance with the Open Public Meeting's Law.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM. The Board reviewed the March minutes. Mr. Harris made a motion to accept the March minutes, Ms. Wertheim seconded. Unanimous vote of approval.

Public invited to speak: No one was present.

President's Report: Ms. Braun:

- ❖ All Board members were in agreement that the exterior of the Library is esthetically pleasing with the plantings and flowers. The landscapers recently added new mulch.
- ❖ Ms. Braun recognized Mr. Franz and staff for their creativity and humor with our Library sign. A creative advertising firm from Park Ridge focused on the Library sign for 'Advertising with Attitude'. It is hoped that the local press will pick it up. There were 65,000 hits for the humorous sign about the Mayan Calendar.
- ❖ Mr. Franz ran a library mission statement workshop for 75 BCCLS members and he shared the feedback which was very favorable. He was asked to present the same workshop at the State conference and Ms. Braun fully supports that.
- ❖ Ms. Braun stated that some of the computers are getting quite old and need updating.
- ❖ The MakerFaire flyer has been out for six months with 17 responses. Ms. Braun suggested that Mr. Franz highlight some success items on the Library website.
- ❖ Ms. Braun asked about the limited bandwidth and Mr. Franz will look into that.
- ❖ Ms. Braun thanked him for all that he does for the Library and all board members concurred.

Treasurer's Report: The Library is fiscally sound and the checks have been signed. The remainder of the 2013 funds has been deposited and the first quarter check has been received from the Borough. We are on track with WL projections; slightly ahead with fines. The slight increase in fines has not been an issue from patrons. There was a BCCLS computer glitch briefly identifying fine notices as spam, but that has been rectified.

Director's Report: Mr. Franz:

- ❖ Word of mouth is spreading about the 3-D printer. A number of adults are very interested. A webpage was setup to provide links to software tutorials and video training.
- ❖ The MakerFaire will be from 10 – 4 this Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ One toilet was repaired.
- ❖ The embroidery machine has been installed. Mr. Franz has to calculate a pricing model. We have 65 colors of thread. All items are featured in the MakerSpace brochure.

- ❖ Mr. Franz is learning to use LibCal – a web service to manage reservations for the use of the rooms.
- ❖ Mr. Franz will be speaker on a panel about MakerSpaces on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Mahwah Library.
- ❖ Cindy began a Page Turners book group with over 10 participants. Grades 2-3.
- ❖ The ‘Where’s Eyesyck’ contest was very well received and a press release was sent to local newspapers.
- ❖ A pen turning workshop/demonstration by the Hudson Valley Woodturners is scheduled for June 6.
- ❖ Ms. Podest will hold a book signing for her newly released book on Kindergarten on June 12.
- ❖ Five computers out of eighteen are non-functioning. They are about six years old and the warranties have expired. Mr. Franz is considering a mix of platforms and possibly increasing the bandwidth with Verizon.
- ❖ Mr. Franz spoke about the recent generous donations to the Library amounting to \$16,000. He plans to hang old memorial plaques near the main entrance.
- ❖ He plans on replacing the book drops outside on the patio due to wear, tear and rust.
- ❖ He submitted brochures about the Library, Museum Pass program and MakerSpace to the Borough for the Welcome Wagon.

*The Friends:* No *Friends* were present.

The next Library Board meeting will be on May 12, 2014. Ms. Wertheim moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Harris seconded. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Deirdre Danaher*  
 Recording Secretary