

## Hillsdale Free Public Library

Board of Trustees

May 12, 2014

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In attendance were: Barbara Braun, Douglas Frank, Warren Harris, Robert Heiliger, Joanne Miano, Kathleen Scordato, Barbara Wertheim

Also present: David Franz, Director of the Library

Excused: Guy Mulé, Allen Saslowsky

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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 7:35 PM. The Board reviewed the April minutes. Mr. Harris made a motion to accept the April minutes, Ms. Wertheim seconded. Unanimous vote of approval.

*The Friends:* Mr. Gary Weir was present for the awards presentations as per below.

Public invited to speak: Adults and students were present from the Maker Faire program.

Ms. Braun turned the presentation over to Mr. Franz and Mr. Weir, President of *The Friends*. She profusely thanked Mr. Franz for conceiving the Maker Faire program and the introduction of the 3-D printer.

Mr. Franz congratulated all of the winners from the respective Maker Faire categories and explained details about the winning entries. The Maker Faire was open to the entire Hillsdale community since Sept. 2013 and the Library received 16 entries with over 120 votes cast. *The Friends* graciously donated the prizes. Mr. Weir presented certificates and gift cards to the winners: Nick Metz – Best reuse of materials, Abby Atkinson – Best thing that could be worn, Colby Van Dyken – Best thing that made sound, Yilan Xu – Best electric thing (not present), and Oliver Somers – Surprise us (not present)

The Grand Prize winners - Jack Carlsen, Kyle Icovelli, Johnny Mayo and Alex Yakir - explained their virtual model of Hillsdale and the Hillsdale Library. They spoke about their collaboration and the variety of software used to create it. All winners were duly applauded and photographed.

President's Report: Ms. Braun:

Ms. Braun requested that the Board go into closed session. Mr. Frank made a motion to approve, Mr. Harris seconded. The board went into closed session.

Mr. Franz presented an anonymous letter to the board with no return address. Board members reviewed the letter and recognize that the Library has policies that they periodically review. The Board is in complete support of Mr. Franz and the enforcement of said policies. Mr. Frank moved to reconvene the Board into open session, Mr. Harris seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Franz on behalf of Mr. Mulé: The Library is fiscally sound and the checks have been signed.

Director's Report: Mr. Franz:

- # Mr. Franz has considered Fios service and is investigating an upgrade of the internet bandwidth.
- # *The Friends* received a specific donation earmarked for the purchase of a new bookdrop. Mr. Franz is leaning towards the manufacturer Kingsley.
- # April circulation numbers have decreased again. Anecdotal data was discussed. Ms. Miano asked about other libraries usage. For BCCLS system wide, circulation has decreased 4%; our Library has decreased 3%. Our budget has decreased as well. These trends are discussed regularly at BCCLS meetings.
- # e-Books availability has increased.
- # Mr. Franz was a panelist at the Maker Space presentation in Mahwah.
- # Mr. Frank asked about the broken sidewalk outside and DPW has that on their prioritized repair list. DPW repaired the stair railing; they are very responsive when Mr. Franz calls.
- # Board members discussed the recently acquired town property across from the parking lot. A town resident suggested that the fence be moved to accommodate that property for use by the Library. Mr. Franz will further explore this with the borough.
- # There still is a condensation problem when the AC is on in the main floor but not in the reading room. Mr. Franz is suggesting hiring Castle contractors to carefully examine this issue. They are familiar with the site, having repaired the sheetrock when the fire door was repaired.
- # Mr. Franz will be meeting with the Seniors Club in Woodcliff Lake this Thursday.
- # Laura hosted a panel of three teen literature authors, 35 attended.
- # Dr. Berkowitz will present excerpts from his book on child rearing on June 16<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Podest is presenting on June 12<sup>th</sup> with a reading from her guide for Kindergarten.

The next Library Board meeting will be on June 9, 2014. Mr. Harris moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Wertheim seconded. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Deirdre Danaher*  
 Recording Secretary