

Hillsdale Free Public Library

Board of Trustees

September 8, 2014

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

Also present: David Franz, Director of the Library

Excused:

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 7:32 PM. The Board reviewed the June minutes. Mr. Mulé made a motion to accept the June minutes, Ms. Scordato seconded. Unanimous vote of approval.

Public invited to speak: No one was present.

President's Report: Ms. Braun: Ms. Braun and Mr. Franz met with the DPW to discuss the generator and they concluded that it would be better served somewhere else. The grant for approximately \$60,000 would only service a generator for the lower floor. Other factors including maintenance deemed this overall project not fiscally viable. Ms. Braun suggested that the Library develop a list of priority needs for the future, a five year plan. Ms. Braun commended all of the work that Mr. Franz and his staff did this summer and noted the high standard that he holds for his staff. Library staff from several other BCCLS Libraries visited our Library Maker Space during the summer and praised it and Mr. Franz's ingenuity. This coming Saturday is Town Day at Stoneybrook Pool and volunteers are asked to help staff the Library table. Mr. Franz suggested having a short survey for visitors as well as give-aways.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Mulé: The Library is fiscally sound and the checks have been signed. \$9,000 was transferred from the reserve account to the operating account to cover the cost of replacement carpet tiles and computers. The Library continues to have fluctuating membership numbers; 14 new members joined and 20 senior citizens from Woodcliff Lake.

Director's Report: Mr. Franz discussed his written report:

- He is looking to replace the water spigot to assist members from the Sun Dial Club.
- There has been no further discussion about moving the gate and fence along Hazelwood. Mr. Heiliger suggested using that area for snow. Councilman Frank said that he would follow up with the Town Council. Mr. Mulé suggested that cost factors with any fence changes etc. be considered. Some repairs will be done in the Library with the condensation problem in the reading room.
- Mr. Franz has been asked to run for re-election on the BCCLS Board. He is presenting at the NJ Library Forum the end of October and will be speaking on the Maker Space program. He and Laura will also be speaking at the NJ State Association for After-School Communities.
- Ms. Braun suggested that other measures of our Library's success should include qualitative information, other than circulation numbers. The number of activities this past

summer highlights the level of activity and creativity that Mr. Franz has spearheaded and those don't get measured quantitatively. Mr. Mulé asked if there is any correlation to summer programs and donations to *The Friends*, but there hasn't been any significant correlation.

- Mr. Franz said that he would look at statistics for use of the study rooms. Mr. Heiliger suggested naming all of the projects in the Library to statistically measure their usage and attendance.

The Friends: No one was present. There are about 100 steady members/donors.

The next Library Board meeting will be on October 20, 2014. Mr. Frank moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Harris seconded. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Danaher
Recording Secretary