

## Hillsdale Free Public Library

**Board of Trustees**

**April 17, 2017**

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*In attendance were: Barbara Braun, Marie Hanlon, Warren Harris, Robert Heyliger, Zoltan Horvath, Joanne Miano, Allen Saslowsky, Kathleen Scordato, Barbara Wertheim*

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

*Excused: Abby Lundy, Council Liaison*

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Mr. Horvath, 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 7:31 PM. The Board reviewed the March minutes. Ms. Braun made a motion to accept the March minutes, Mr. Harris seconded. Unanimous vote of approval.

Public invited to speak: A number of Hillsdale NJ Makers Day winners and their guests were present.

President's Report: Mr. Horvath: He deferred his comments to the general meeting.

Director: Mr. Franz:

✚ Mr. Franz welcomed the winners, their parents and guests from the recent Hillsdale NJ Makers Day. He thanked them for their participation; the room was packed! The Makers Day has been running for the past three years across New Jersey; Hillsdale was invited to be a founding member and this was our fifth annual event. We had more entries this year and approximately 220 residents attended and participated. The event was featured on the front page of Pascack Press and some participants were interviewed by Lou Weiss for a future airing on Manufacturing Talk Radio. Mr. Franz introduced Mr. Gary Weir, President of *The Friends*. Mr. Weir praised the participants and the winners and hopes that they will pursue their creativity in the future. Each of the winners or duos received a beautiful certificate as well as a gift certificate, courtesy of *The Friends*. The Grand Prize winner was Collin Tofts for a device that he created to help the hearing impaired. Many proud parents took pictures and some will be posted on the Library website. The parents were effusive in their praise of the Library and one parent said that having the information shared with the local schools was key. Mr. Horvath asked how many had taken the recent survey and no one had. Mr. Franz explained the various media outlets for our library.

*The Friends:* Mr. Weir gave an update about their various events from the past year. Donations are coming in from their recent solicitation. He said they will be providing funding for a flat screen TV. A giving tree will be established. *The Friends* are a small but active group and they are always open to new ideas. The Barnes & Nobles event last December didn't generate much funding so that won't be repeated. Ms. Hanlon asked about cushions for seating for the movies; Westwood Library did it. Mr. Franz will follow up with their Director for further information.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Miano said that the Library is fiscally sound. We had a small loss for the past three months. We saved in our maintenance and utilities. Woodcliff Lake has modified their membership procedures, which have resulted in their payment being held slightly longer.

Director's Report: Mr. Franz:

- ✚ Cloud Library, a 3M digital book service, offers libraries the ability to purchase their own content. The set-up fee is \$250. Hillsdale cardholders will have priority access to Hillsdale's digital content.
- ✚ He explained the costs of digital book downloads but we rely on BCCLS Consortia for most of our purchases. Digital purchasing has plateaued and print has once again increased.
- ✚ Website icons for Hoopla, Zinio, and Cloud Library have been moved to provide more visibility.
- ✚ The Mayor and Council are meeting this evening and the budget should be passed. They will be passing the capital budget on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; our boiler and carpeting project is included.
- ✚ The 3-D printer has been in high demand. Middle school students are printing fidget spinners.
- ✚ Cindy and Katherine are brainstorming the summer reading program.
- ✚ The Borough has adopted a new payroll company that will affect our Library employees with an online payroll portal, no paper stubs.
- ✚ Mr. Franz is wrapping up his leadership of the BCCLS Strategic Plan Task Force and the Billing Task Force. He will attend the NJ Library Association Conference next week.
- ✚ Mr. Horvath asked about the vacant lot and gardening. Mr. Franz said that it would need to be done with another group or groups. The Sun Dial Club has their green thumb with the round planter.

New Business: There is a termite problem. TJ Pest Control inspected the lobby area by the glass cases and will be providing an estimate. Hillsdale Day has been shifted back to Beechwood Park for September.

The next Library Board meeting will be on May 8, 2017. Ms. Braun moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Heyliger. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Deirdre Danaher*  
Recording Secretary