

Hillsdale Free Public Library

Board of Trustees

November 12, 2018

In attendance were: Barbara Braun, Warren Harris, Al Metz, Joanne Miano, John Ruocco, Mayor, Barbara Wertheim, Allen Saslowsky

Also present: David Franz, Director of the Library, Marie Hanlon

Excused: Abby Lundy – Council Liaison, Kathleen Scordato

Barbara 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 following minutes were approved:

November 2, 2018 – Open and Closed Sessions

June 18, 2018 – Closed Session

July 9, 2018 – Closed Session

September 17, 2018 – Closed Session

October 15, 2018 – Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. Harris to accept the multiple meeting minutes, Ms. Wertheim seconded. Unanimous vote of approval.

Public invited to speak: One member of the public, Anne, was present. Ms. Hanlon is trying to encourage more Seniors to attend the Library events.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Miano: The bill list was signed. The Library is fiscally sound. We are ahead of our year to date budget. Utility costs are down owing to the LED lighting project. Donations to *The Friends* have been listed in a different section of the budget. Ms. Braun suggested that we get a yearly update from *The Friends* on their activities. Mr. Metz asked about other donations to the Library and what happens with yearly remaining monies and Mr. Franz explained that record keeping.

Director's Report: Ms. Braun: The discussion reiterated establishing a foundation to broaden our fundraising efforts alongside the more public arm of *The Friends*. Mr. Harris said that we would be working with outside counsel to establish this foundation. Initial funding sources for this foundation were discussed. Mr. Metz offered to begin the online filing application and Ms. Braun asked Mr. Metz to spearhead establishing said foundation. "Hillsdale Free Public Library Foundation, Inc." was a suggested name.

Based on a meeting two weeks ago, Trustees went through five major points of the donor's proposal and gave latitude to Mr. Harris to negotiate. A revised proposal was received today.

Mayor Ruocco made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Mr. Harris. 6 yes, 1 no. Mr. Metz suggested remaining in open session. Mr. Harris said we have not decided on final points; taking action would be taken in open session. However, we are still in the discussion phase which constitutes negotiations. Therefore, we need to remain in closed session. Mr. Saslowsky concurred.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Ruocco moved to back into open session, seconded by Ms. Braun. Unanimous vote of approval

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Warren Harris to accept the general terms of the latest draft agreement with the Gayle and Paul Gross Foundation, that the gift amount is \$1,000,000 to be paid in 10 annual \$100,000 installments, that the building shall be named the "Gayle and Paul Gross Library Building," and that there would be signs on the front, rear, and inside of the building, the design of which was to be determined.

Second: Allen Saslowsky

Yes - Harris, Saslowsky, Wertheim, Ruocco

No - Braun, Metz

Abstain - Miano

Mr. Harris was charged with working to refine the language of the agreement with the donor.

The budget discussion was postponed, and a special meeting may be called for that purpose, pending a poll of member availability.

The next Library Board meeting will be on December 10, 2018. Ms. Wertheim moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Harris. The meeting officially adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Danaher
Recording Secretary