

## Hillsdale Free Public Library

**Board of Trustees**

**November 14, 2022**

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*In attendance were: Judy Atchison, Mary DeChiara, Elizabeth DiLorenzo, Warren Harris, Amanda Miller, Carol Schepker, Barbara Wertheim*

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

*Excused: William Berde, Al Metz, Janetta Trochimiuk*

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Ms. Schepker called to order an in-person and online 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. Virtual link is appended below.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM. A motion to approve the October 17, 2022 minutes was made by Ms. Wertheim, seconded by Ms. DiLorenzo. Unanimous vote of approval.

Public invited to speak: No one was present.

President's Report: Ms. Schepker: She thanked everyone for their enthusiastic support to help make this Thursday evening's fundraiser a success. Mr. Metz has done a tremendous amount of work. Companies have been very generous with donated items.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Wertheim: Budget vs. actuals. Book sales, donations and Woodcliff Lake memberships are all up, particularly WL memberships. Receipts from public printing is also generating higher income.

A motion was made to approve the bill list by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. DiLorenzo. Unanimous vote of approval.

Director's Report:

- ✓ The Donor Wall was installed. Boy Scout Dylan Minneker did a wonderful Eagle Scout project installing the wall, preparing the veneers and making the donor leaves with the library's laser cutter. A few donor names have already been added.
- ✓ Many donations were made to *The Friends* as a result of their recent appeal.
- ✓ There are 338 new library patrons YTD compared to 221 for all of 2021.
- ✓ The Upcoming Events calendar has been moved to a more visible location on the website.
- ✓ Mr. Franz will be tracking address changes in Hillsdale and he plans to send welcome letters quarterly.

Museum Pass Program: The museum pass program is being set up. The Museum Key pass tracking service will be added to our website as soon as we have passes in place.

Membership requests were sent to Storm King Arts Center (New Windsor, NY – Orange Co.), The Newark Art Museum, and The American Museum of Natural History. Other suggestions were made this evening. The AMNH program offers discounted vouchers at \$10 each which also include admission to one special exhibit/program. The library will have an initial block of 50 vouchers. For the AMNH, it was proposed that it be one voucher per Hillsdale Library card holder in good standing per calendar year. This would encourage library card registration and it would also require families with delinquent cards to pay off old fines. Other passes, like Storm King, will permit X number of adults and children per visit with the pass. Passes would be for ages 18 and older. Limit usage to once every six months. Perhaps # your visit to post in social media. Put a fine on the card if the passes are not returned on time, \$10 a day. There will no longer be a deposit fee required. Ms. Miller made a motion for Mr. Franz to develop a policy, Ms. Atchison seconded. Unanimous vote of approval.

Budget for 2023: Ms. Schepker made a motion to adopt the proposed 2023 budget, Mr. Harris seconded. Unanimous vote of approval. No more than four Trustees may be present at the January 2023 presentation of the budget to the Borough Finance Committee.

New business: BCCLS is preparing a new app. Ms. Schepker asked why adult circulation is down. Across the board, circulation of juvenile books has increased after Covid, adult non-fiction is greatly down, adult fiction is coming back. Some reading/borrowing habits have greatly changed. Ms. Miller said that book sales nationwide have decreased.

The Friends/The Foundation updates: The Fundraiser is this Thursday evening, Nov. 17, 2022. Almost all of the tickets have been sold which shows peoples' interest in supporting the library.

The next regularly scheduled Library Board meeting will be on December 12, 2022. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. DeChiara, seconded by Ms. Atchison. Unanimous vote of approval. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Deirdre Danaher*  
Recording Secretary

Dave Franz is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: Nov. 14, 2022 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83271122198?pwd=VXZaRit1YitDNDcrWWQzMWMxc3hPUT09>

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