

Hillsdale Free Public Library

Board of Trustees

May 1, 2023

In attendance were: Judy Atchison, William Berde, Mary DeChiara, Elizabeth DiLorenzo, Warren Harris, Al Metz, Amanda Miller, Janetta Trochimiuk, Barbara Wertheim

Also present: David Franz, Director of the Library

Excused: Carol Schepker

Mr. Metz 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 and as appended below.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. A motion to approve the April 10, 2023 minutes was made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. DeChiara. Unanimous vote of approval.

Public invited to speak: No one was present.

President's Report: Vice President Metz read Ms. Schepker's notes. The 'Access for All' art show opens with a reception on May 2d and will run through the end of May. Ms. Schepker praised the many improvements and worthwhile events at the Library.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Wertheim: The Library is fiscally sound. Book sales, fines, photo copier revenues are all up, donations are more than anticipated.

A motion was made by Ms. DiLorenzo to accept the operating bill list, seconded by Ms. Wertheim. Unanimous vote of approval.

Director's Report: Mr. Franz:

- Mr. Harold Gainer tutored here in the Literacy Volunteer Program for over 20 years. He donated \$1,000, the last of his many donations to the Library. He passed away at age 99.
- The Environmental Commission distributed seedlings on Saturday.
- An Eagle Scout is developing a project that would benefit the Library.
- BCCLS installed the five new PCs and which will be maintained by BCCLS; *The Friends* of the Library paid for them.
- A sugar maple tree was donated by the family and friends of Zachary Blair. It has been planted on Library grounds. Zachary was a former employee.
- Book Collection Development Policy: Trustees should be familiar with our book collection development policy. The current policy was shared for future discussion. The Library should always have free and open access. Ms. Miller said that the document is very thorough and includes digital access.

- Exhibits Policy Guidelines: Proposed guidelines and criteria were discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Miller to accept the policy as revised, Mr. Harris seconded. Unanimous vote of approval. Mr. Franz will update the webpage.
- The 2022 audit is scheduled for May 30th.

The Friends/The Foundation: *The Friends* will be meeting this week.

The Foundation met in April:

- They approved a resolution to move the bank accounts from Blue Foundry to TD Bank.
- The Board approved an amendment to increase the number of Trustees to a total of fifteen. Three potential trustees were approved and added to the Board of the Foundation.

New business: A discussion about the Library fundraiser ensued. It will be on Thursday evening, Sept. 21st. Three representatives from each of the three supporting organizations of the library will be on the fundraising committee. The date will allow more patrons to come and enjoy the mild weather on the patio. The first fundraiser engendered tremendous goodwill among town residents. The use of the patio could facilitate a second wine station. Mr. Metz welcomes new committee members and asked that Trustees begin soliciting donations.

The next regularly scheduled Library Board meeting will be on June 12, 2023. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Atchison. Unanimous vote of approval. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Danaher
Recording Secretary