

Hillsdale Free Public Library

Board of Trustees

April 21, 2025

In attendance were: William Berde, Elizabeth DiLorenzo, Warren Harris, Elizabeth Leonard, Amanda Miller, Carol Schepker, Barbara Wertheim

Also present: David Franz, Director of the Library

Excused: Kelly Pacor, Jonna Davis (Mayor's Alternate), Janetta Trochimiuk (Liaison to the Council)

Ms. Miller 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 7:35 PM. A motion to approve the March 17, 2025 minutes was made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. DiLorenzo. Unanimous vote of approval.

NJ Makers Day Awards: 20 guests were in attendance highlighting awardees from the recently held Makers Day. Effusive praise was given all around. "You are providing a safe space for us to meet our neighbors." "I'm a resident for 60 years and it's never been better; there's lots of diversified programming." "It makes young people feel special and taught them a lot." Mr. Franz congratulated all the winners and presented them with gift cards from the Friends of the Library and certificates. The Makers Day event has been in existence here for 14 years. "Our library is a place to share books, crafts, programs, movies, and conversations."

President's Report: Ms. Miller: She thanked Mr. Franz for his leadership and for his innovation and his participation in the genesis of NJ Makers Day. It was great to see the excitement on two floors in our library that is all about sharing and learning. She thanked Trustees for their work on various sub-committees. She deferred the rest of her comments to the general meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Berde: The library is fiscally sound. All checks are to the usual vendors and programs.

Mr. Harris made a motion to accept the operating bill list as presented, seconded by Ms. Schepker. Unanimous vote of approval.

Director's Report: Mr. Franz:

- New staff was hired; Lori Corless is now full-time. Two new hires will be trained over the summer to cover the restart of Sunday hours in September.
- He will be sharing information about an Executive Order from the federal government concerning the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This may impact NJ funding.
- He reached out to another company for a roofing bid; they are visiting tomorrow. Other bids have been submitted.
- Pest Control addressed an issue of mice.

- Fans will be upgraded in the bathrooms.
- DPW graded the gravel section of the parking lot.

Policies: There are approximately ten policies in total. They are hyper-linked on the website and within said policies. The Study Rooms Policy will be discussed next.

Meeting Room Policy: The Rules of Conduct policy is referenced in this and they are overlapping policies. They will be sent to the Library attorney for review. The ‘For profit business’ application remains the same.

The Friends/The Foundation: *The Friends* will meet next Monday. The Foundation is planning to spearhead a mini-golf night as a Fall fundraiser.

New Business: No new business.

The next regularly scheduled Library Board meeting will be on May 19, 2025. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Wertheim, seconded by Ms. Schepker. Unanimous vote of approval. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Danaher
Recording Secretary