

Hillsdale Free Public Library

Board of Trustees

May 19, 2025

In attendance were: William Berde, Elizabeth DiLorenzo, Warren Harris, Elizabeth Leonard, Amanda Miller, Kelly Pacor, Carol Schepker, Mayor Michael Sheinfeld, Barbara Wertheim

Also present: David Franz, Director of the Library, Janetta Trochimiuk (Liaison to the Council)

Excused:

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 7:33 PM. A motion to approve the April 21, 2025 minutes was made by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Wertheim. Unanimous vote of approval.

Public was invited to speak: Mr. Paul Gross attended the meeting.

President's Report: Ms. Miller: BCCLS Trustee Roundtable will be on 6-12-25; all Trustees are encouraged to avail themselves of these professional opportunities. She suggested looking at the link to the American Library Association. 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. DiLorenzo. Unanimous vote of approval.

Staff Spotlight: Michele Kilmurray, Adult and Teen Program Coordinator. She coordinates numerous programs at the library, advertising with flyers, monthly calendars, the press and social media. She actively looks at programming from other libraries and gets feedback from patrons. She has set up protocols for monitoring attendance, waiting lists, confirmations etc. The goal is connecting people with people and she believes in highlighting local talent. Michele curates the periodic and very popular Trivia Night. The Beatles cover group will perform at the end of the month. Trustees highlighted their very positive experiences working with her. Staff assist by posting photos of these programs on social media. She encourages the Trustees to spread the word about the library's offerings. The Pascack Press always provides good coverage. More volunteers would be welcome to help with setting up and breaking down tables and chairs for the various programs.

Director's Report: Mr. Franz: He is meeting with the auditor this week. There will be a mini golf fundraiser in October.

Gardening: The Sundial Garden Club, in its 20th year, maintains the circular planter. The natural garden area, for children, is coordinated by Kathy Abney. There is a Seed Library. He shared a

mock-up for an 8' x 16' green house. *The Friends* have approved up to \$3,000 for a kit. He aims to get a composting bin and a rain barrel capture system. Ms. Miller had questions about possible vandalism and parking. Ms. Wertheim asked about possible flooding. Mayor Sheinfield said that Mr. Franz needs to speak to Steven Loesner, the town's Zoning Official. A motion was made by Ms. DiLorenzo, seconded by Ms. Pacor, to further explore this idea with the Borough officials. Unanimous vote of approval.

Roofing bid proposal: He shared another bid. The town capital ordinance must be passed first.

90th Anniversary Logo: Lauren Donovan designed some anniversary logos. They are all very eye-catching.

The Friends/The Foundation: Book sale will be on Sat., June 7th, tied in with the town wide garage sale.

New Business: No new business.

The next regularly scheduled Library Board meeting will be on June 16, 2025. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Ms. Schepker. Unanimous vote of approval. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Danaher
Recording Secretary