

Hillsdale Free Public Library

Board of Trustees

June 9, 2014

In attendance were: Barbara Braun, Warren Harris, Robert Heiliger, Guy Mulé, Kathleen Scordato, Barbara Wertheim

Also present: David Franz, Director of the Library

Excused: Douglas Frank, Joanne Miano, Allen Saslowsky

Ms. 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 Board reviewed the May minutes. Ms. Scordato made a motion to accept the May minutes, Ms. Wertheim seconded. Unanimous vote of approval.

Public invited to speak: No one was present.

President's Report: Ms. Braun: She said that the woodturning workshop was well received. A number of items are on display in the glass showcases. She recommends hosting these wood turners again.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Mulé: The Library is fiscally sound and the checks have been signed. We are on budget in all areas. Check #5517 was voided.

Director's Report: Mr. Franz:

- ✓ The Kids for Earth group has been developing a vegetable garden on the side of the patio and it will be tended all summer. Mr. Franz will post an explanatory text on the Library website.
- ✓ He anticipates hiring two new pages shortly.
- ✓ There are town discussions trying to reactivate the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Franz would welcome companies speaking on their areas of expertise at the Library. Ms. Braun agreed and stated that any company should follow our existing policy for presentations.
- ✓ Chico's is holding a fundraiser night, this Thursday June 12th from 3 PM – 7 PM. 10% of sales will be donated to our Library.
- ✓ On May 15th, Mr. Franz spoke about the history and benefits of our WL membership program to the Woodcliff Lake Seniors Association. Approximately 35 participants attended and some expressed interest in this membership. Residents would like more library services than what is offered to them. Mr. Mulé followed up with the seniors a few days later. Their concerns addressed their limited use to only Hillsdale Library and they want e-book downloads which they are not entitled to. Many belong in local book clubs and again are limited because their WL membership doesn't entitle them to borrowing privileges from the BCCLS system. They conduct their borrowing through other family members. They like our library and its ambience. Ms. Braun asked about current WL memberships from seniors; it is similar to last year. Overall, memberships are down slightly and Mr. Franz has to continually advertise this service. Hillsdale contracts with 'Overdrive' for e-books for our geographic area which does not encompass WL.

- ✓ Mr. Franz is the Chair of the Reciprocity Committee in BCCLS. He discussed a spreadsheet of reciprocal borrowing patterns. The task force is charged with looking at the net plus monies and analyzing if that is fully compensatory to libraries that have an undue burden of reciprocal borrowing. The committee will survey customers in September to see why they use other libraries other than their home library. BCCLS will be celebrating its 35th anniversary. Ms. Braun suggested holding a focus group.
- ✓ The Hillsdale Library is still #1 for the lowest cost per circulation for the seventh year in a row.
- ✓ Mr. Franz spoke about upgrades in telecommunications by contracting with Cablevision for our telephone services and Spectrotel for the alarm systems.
- ✓ More of the Library computers are failing and Mr. Franz is looking to replace a number of them, with some additional financing from *The Friends*. The HP all-in-ones would be replaced by traditional workstations. He would like to buy Apple computers for the third floor. 21" Apple iMac computers are about \$1,100. Ms. Braun made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$8,000 to replace old computers, Ms. Wertheim seconded. There was a unanimous vote of approval to appropriate these monies for these computer upgrades. CDWG handles institutional contracts.
- ✓ A portion of the \$10,000 gift from Mr. Atchison to the Library, through *The Friends*, has been earmarked for the purchase of a new book return. Stainless steel or aluminum book returns have a lifetime warranty.
- ✓ Mr. Franz applied for and won a \$500. Google Maker Space grant as an affiliate. Demographic interests are a particular focus. He will be switching his night at the Library to work with parents and children in this program. It will have a very varied program. Ms. Braun asked if any volunteers will be assisting.
- ✓ Mr. Franz said that there is a search for a replacement for Robert White who is the retiring head of BCCLS.

Mr. Mulé asked about the condensation problem. Mr. Franz will begin addressing the problem after the fire alarm and accordion door is tested. If no work is required on the door, then work can commence on installing an air vent above the reading room ceiling. Sheetrock repairs will follow after.

Ms. Braun asked about Hillsdale Day and Board members will volunteer to host a table if there will be a Hillsdale Day in Sept.

The Friends: No one was present.

The next Library Board meeting will be on September 8, 2014. Mr. Harris moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Mulé seconded. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Danaher
 Recording Secretary