

Hillsdale Free Public Library

Board of Trustees

May 11, 2015

In attendance were: Barbara Braun, Douglas Frank, Robert Heyliger, Kathleen Scordato, Barbara Wertheim

Also present: David Franz, Director of the Library

Excused: Marie Hanlon, Warren Harris, Allen Saslowsky, Joanne Miano

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 7:40 PM. The Board reviewed the April minutes. Mr. Frank made a motion to accept the April minutes, Ms. Wertheim seconded. Unanimous vote of approval.

Public invited to speak: No one was present.

President's Report: Ms. Braun:

- ✓ Ms. Braun thanked all trustees for their financial form submissions.
- ✓ Chico's Corporate declined to host the proposed fundraiser.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Frank: The Library is fiscally sound. We are awaiting checks from the Borough.

Director's Report: Mr. Franz:

- ✓ The Library would be an excellent venue to strategically host local businesses who would present topics of community. Traditional uses for the Library are waning and are being supplanted by non-traditional uses. We need to reach out to the community to "resell the Library's purpose". The goal would be to position the Library as a portal, the community hub for networking, information sharing, computer expertise, entertainment, tutoring, in short, a fluid venue.
- ✓ We are launching a national program emphasizing "Reading 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" to young children, sponsored by BCCLS.
- ✓ *The Friends* Library book sale will be on Saturday, June 13th. It coincides with the town wide garage sale. Set up and sorting will be on June 11th – 12th.
- ✓ Some donations have been made by customers using the fax machine.
- ✓ Mr. Franz has been asked to join the finance subcommittee of the NJLA Strategic Planning.
- ✓ Mr. Franz is awaiting a quote for the 3rd floor toilet repair.
- ✓ Elevator update: The engineer endorsed ThyssenKrupp as the contractor to conclude Phase II of the repair. Phase I has been completed and paid for. Phase II dates are to be determined based upon availability of funding. The contract award is being introduced tomorrow night at the Borough meeting (5/12).

- ✓ A student represented the Library at the town council meeting. Mr. Franz provided her with statistics on the Library. Mr. Franz conservatively estimated that employees have lugged over 12 tons of books and materials among the three levels of the library over the past 25 weeks.

The Friends: Mr. Franz said that they have appropriated monies to fund the annual summer Library Film Series with introductions by the Ramapo College professor. *The Friends* will be funding the children's summer reading program and makerspace materials.

New Business: A motion was made by Ms. Wertheim to approve a community presentation given by Hillsdale Travel, seconded by Ms. Scordato. Unanimous vote of approval. The Privacy Policy will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The next Library Board meeting will be on June 8, 2015. Mr. Frank moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Wertheim seconded. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Danaher
Recording Secretary