

**HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**April 27, 2015**

**Board members present:** Kathy Americo, Cindy Neff, Michele Keefe, Jeffrey Schwartz, Karen Rosen, Ellen Roth, Agnes Leyden

**Also present:** Jill Davis, Director

**Ms. Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.**

**The minutes of the March 23, 2015 meeting** were approved on a **motion** made by Ms. Rosen and seconded by Ms. Americo; motion carried (4-0), with Ms. Leyden, Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Roth abstaining.

**FINANCES - Mrs. Davis**

- **Budget-to-Date** -- reviewed and accepted as in line with 9 months of our FY.
- **Treasurer's Report** - reviewed and accepted.
- **Miscellaneous Income Report** - reviewed and accepted.
- **CD-Signature CD** which comes due on 5/6/15 will be rolled over at same term and rate.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Entergy PILOT Agreement Update**  
Mrs. Davis reported that Enrique Catalan, Assistant Superintendent of Business for the HH school district, informed her that contrary to what had been previously discussed, the agreement with Entergy is only for one year (2016-2017). There was a desire by the Town of Cortlandt to have the 10 year agreement be unanimous among all parties and at this time there is a member of the Town Board who has concerns. The parties will begin negotiating again.
- **Gutter Heating Coils**  
Mrs. Davis provided an update regarding the warranty, maintenance, electrical usage and references for the gutter heating coil project. After discussion, a **motion** to allow Keating Electric purchase and install an automatic roof ice melt system to alleviate the ice damming and hazardous conditions that occur on the walkways was made by Ms. Rosen and seconded by Mr. Schwartz; motion carried unanimously.
- **Tax Certiorari**  
Mrs. Davis informed the board that after meeting with Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (sponsor of the law), concerning the burden that requiring association libraries to repay their portion of tax certioraris would put on libraries, we will be required to take on this expense. Mrs. Davis will work with Assemblywoman Galef to clarify portions of the law and make the implementation fair.

- **Solar Panels - PACE Financing**

Kevin O'Neill, from Sunrise Solar Solutions, informed us that after further investigation the library does not qualify for the government (QECB) energy benefits. This change is due to the requirement that Sunrise Solar pay prevailing wages. This changes the financing interest rate from 4% to 5.7% making it clear that PACE financing is not a viable option for the library. After discussion it was decided that the full cost of the solar project will be rolled into the Gates Capital financing with a much lower interest rate (3%).

- **Expansion-Gates Capital**

After reviewing the additional cash flows sent by Gates Capital, the board requested that Mrs. Davis ask Gates for one last cash flow including the additional \$50,000 that will be needed to complete the solar project, due to the change in our financing options. She also confirmed with Gates that there is no monetary obligation to Gates until the funds are secured and agreed upon by all parties. A **motion** to allow Gates Capital to move forward with securing funding for the expansion project was made by Ms. Americo and seconded by Ms. Leyden; motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Americo expressed her concern with the cost of the proposed project. She feels the project is needed, but that the board needs to be sure the money spent for both the construction and the associated fees are in line with current standards.

Meeting moved to Constance Dyckman Community Room for the Annual Meeting

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **High School Student on Board**

Mrs. Davis asked if the board would be open to her investigating the interest of a high school Junior or Senior in sitting on our board. All agreed it was a good idea. Mrs. Davis will explore and report back.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT- See attached**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS - (January, May, September)**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**OTHER**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 pm**