

**HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**APRIL 23, 2018**

Board members present: Philip Brandon, Agnes Leyden, Karen Rosen, Kathy Americo, Jeffrey Schwartz, Charles Smith, Ellen Roth

Also present: Jill Davis, Director

Total attendance: 25

Ms. Leyden called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. The meeting began with those in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES – April 24, 2017**

The minutes of the April 24 2017, annual meeting were accepted (reading of them waived) on a motion made by Mr. Schwartz and seconded by Mr. Smith; motion carried 6-0 with one abstention.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Mr. Schwartz presented the proposed 2018-2019 Library Operating Budget which will be voted on by Hendrick Hudson School District voters on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Library’s proposed budget reflects a 9.2% levy increase which is a 5% budget to budget increase. This represents approximately an \$83,000 increase over last year. Since staying under the tax cap would have allowed for only an \$18,000 increase, the board has found it advisable and necessary to override the tax cap. What this override means to the average tax payer is a dollar a month more than it would be without it.

The average taxpayer in the Town of Cortlandt will see an annual increase of \$2.04 per thousand of assessed value and Peekskill taxpayers will see an annual increase of \$.96 per thousand assessed value. For the average taxpayer living in the Town of Cortlandt this means library services will cost \$193 **per year** and in Peekskill that year number would be \$98.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS**

**Nominated for re-appointment to three-year terms expiring in 2021:**

Ms. Cynthia Neff  
Mr. Charles Smith  
Ms. Kathy Americo

**Nominated for appointment to three-year terms expiring in 2021:**

Ms. Francoise LeGoues

Motion to accept the re-appointments and new appointment was made by Mr. Schwartz and seconded by Ms. Rosen. Motion passed 7-0.

## **NEW YORK STATE ANNUAL REPORT TREUSTEE NUMBER RESOLUTION**

New York State now requires that libraries with a range of the number of trustees listed in their charter (HHFL= 7-11) to approve, by resolution, the increase or decrease of the actual number of trustees at their annual meeting. To comply with this requirement a motion to approve the number of trustees for the Hendrick Hudson Free Library as 10 for the fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 was made by Ms. Rosen and seconded by Mr. Schwartz; motion carried unanimously 7-0.

## **DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2017**

Ms. Davis shared that all of 2017 seemed to be about construction. Much of the year was spent anticipating and preparing for the grand re-opening of the children's room which took place on October 9<sup>th</sup> 2017, with over 500 patron's young and old attending the re-opening. There was face painting, food and a special visit by local author Jerry Pinkney. The day was a huge success and our community has a children's room we can all be proud of! A big thank you to everyone for their patience.

She stated that during construction the library was able to keep all but the children's non-fiction collection on property and open to the public, (big SHOUT out to the HHHS for storing the non-fiction for us for close to a year) and through planning and cooperation between departments, we were still able to offer 849 programs that were attended by close to 13,000 patrons. The study rooms were used by over 6000 patrons, the museum passes borrowed 159 times, our 4 hot spots were always out and we offered our notary services over 600 times. The library continues to be an EZ Pass retailer, a pick up location for locally grown fruits and vegetables through our partnership with Field Goods and beginning in June will be able to issue passports.

We continued our commitment to lead by example with the installation and activation of our 289 solar panels in August and we receive the Charles W. Brown Jr. Sustainability Award for Visionary Leadership and Commitment to Sustainability from the Westchester Green Partnership for taking on this leadership role in our community.

All departments were hard at work grant writing and fundraising in 2017, securing over \$65,000 in grants and a fundraising campaign that raised \$120,000, including two very generous naming opportunity gifts from the Chomiw and Roth families.

Mrs. Davis thanked the board and the staff for their support and recognized those staff members in attendance: Eleanor Daly, Terri Jersey and Jenny Kolesar along with former Library Director Constance Dyckman.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES)**

### **PROGRAM**

#### **HHHS Digital Artists presentations by Jen Morrissey's art students:**

- Ethan Terezakis
- Sara-Michelle Soto
- Alexis Sinostovic

#### **HHHS Duets performed by Erica Denler's students:**

- Marielle Simbulan and May Cacanindin
- Grace O'Malley
- Kiki and Amelia Biscaccia

The performances were enjoyed by all and a lively conversation took place after each performance. The board and audience were impressed with the amount of talent that our high school student's possess.

### **OTHER**

Ellen Roth expressed gratitude on behalf of the board for all the staff does to make the library the community treasure it is.

Everyone was invited to partake in the refreshments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.