

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

APRIL 22, 2019

Board members present: Philip Brandon, Agnes Leyden, Karen Feher, Cynthia Neff, Jeffrey Schwartz, Charles Smith, Mark Geisler, Francoise LeGoues (Skype)

Also present: Jill Davis, Director; Jenny Kolesar, Business Manager; Kevin Quigley, Trustee-elect

Total attendance: 11

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

MINUTES – April 23, 2018

The minutes of the April 23 2018, annual meeting were accepted (reading of them waived) on a motion made by Ms. Feher and seconded by Mr. Schwartz; motion carried 5-0 with three abstentions.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Schwartz presented the proposed 2019-2020 Library Operating Budget which will be voted on by Hendrick Hudson School District voters on May 21st. The Library’s proposed budget reflects a 5.2% levy increase which is a 4.4% budget to budget increase. This represents approximately a \$70,000 increase over last year. The average taxpayer in the Town of Cortlandt will see an annual increase of \$6.64 per thousand of assessed value and Peekskill taxpayers will see an annual decrease of \$1.00 per thousand assessed value. For the average taxpayer living in the Town of Cortlandt this means library services will cost \$196 **per year** and in Peekskill that yearly number would be \$98.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS

Nominated for re-appointment to three-year terms expiring in 2022:

Mr. Mark Geisler
Mr. Jeffrey Schwartz

Motion to accept the re-appointment of Mr. Geisler was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Schwartz; motion passed 7-0 with Mr. Geisler abstaining.

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Nominated for appointment to three-year terms expiring in 2022:

Mr. Kevin Quigley

Motion to accept the new appointment of Mr. Quigley was made by Mrs. Leyden and seconded by Mr. Geisler; motion passed 8-0.

NEW YORK STATE ANNUAL REPORT TRUSTEE 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 9 for the fiscal year 2019-2020 was made by Ms. Rosen and seconded by Mr. Geisler; motion carried unanimously 8-0.

DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2018

Ms. Davis shared that the highlight of 2018 for her was that the children's library was officially and appropriately named the Leonora Roth Children's Library on October 7th. The gift and the naming show the love that the Roth family has for Leonora and ensures her passion for education will live on knowing others will read, play, and grow in this special space.

She also touched on the new programs/services that began in 2018. For children there was Paws to Read, Sky at Night, Bio Bus and chess; and for adults the introduction of the Cookbook Book Club, Brews and Bestsellers, Coffee House Music and our own One Act Play Group. After almost a year of being a passport acceptance agency Ms. Davis was happy to report that over 300 applications had been processed.

HHFL continued our commitment to play a part in keeping our organization sustainable by completing the *New York Library Associations-Sustainable Library Certification* which required not only meeting goals of environmental sustainability but also rigorous social and financial benchmarks.

Grant writing and fundraising continued in 2018, securing over \$37,000 in grants and through an annual appeal, matching gift donation of \$4,000 from Nadine and Jeffrey Schwartz raised \$7,700 to support library programs and services.

Mrs. Davis thanked the board and the staff for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES)

PROGRAM

OTHER

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.