

**HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
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JUNE 25, 2020

Board members present: Philip Brandon, Agnes Leyden, Cynthia Neff, Jeffrey Schwartz, Charles Smith, Mark Geisler, Francoise LeGoues

Also present: Jill Davis, Director; Barbara Burck, Trustee-elect

Total attendance: 10

Ms. Neff called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The meeting began with those in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – April 22, 2019

The minutes of the April 22 2019, annual meeting were accepted with a spelling correction (reading of them waived) on a motion made by Mr. Geisler and seconded by Mr. Brandon; motion carried 7-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Schwartz presented the proposed 2020-2021 Library Operating Budget which was approved on June 17th by Hendrick Hudson School District voters by absentee ballot due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Library’s proposed budget reflects a 4.8% levy increase which is a 1.4% budget to budget increase. This represents approximately a \$50,500 increase over last year. The average taxpayer in the Town of Cortlandt will see an annual increase of \$7.64 per thousand of assessed value and Peekskill taxpayers will see an annual increase of \$111.48 per thousand assessed value. For the average taxpayer living in the Town of Cortlandt this means library services will cost \$204 **per year** and in Peekskill that **yearly** number would be \$108.

There was brief discussion of the pros and cons of the vote being held by absentee ballot only and the history of the public support of the library.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS

Nominated for appointment to three-year terms July 2020- June 2023:

Approved at the June 10, 2020 meeting:

Gina Goodenow Barbara Burck Tammi Trudel

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 10 for the fiscal year 2020-2021 was made by Ms. LeGoues and seconded by Ms. Leyden; motion carried unanimously 7-0.

There was a brief discussion as to the implications, if any, of having an even number of voting trustees. The library charter allows for 7-11 trustees so 10 meets the charter requirements. Past history of board decisions indicate that an even number has never been an issue.

DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2019

Ms. Davis shared the highlights of 2019 including the completion of the public restroom renovations that were funded by a State and Municipal Aid Grant secured by Assemblywoman Galef on behalf of the library. All Westchester County libraries migrated to a new Integrated Library System, moving from Sirsi (software) to Evergreen (open source) system.

She also touched on some of the repeat programs/services offered in 2019, which included Sunday afternoon and Coffee House concerts; Vic Messick film series with discussion afterwards; another community theater production, and we the summer reading themed “A Universe of Stories”.

Some of the new programs offered in 2019 included the first Wine Bottle BINGO fundraiser; a visit from Brett Hochron and his Electronic Storage Detection K9 Harley from the FBI Cyber Task Force; an author visit by Allison Pataki for both children and adults, and the start of online registration for children’s programming.

Grant writing continued in 2019, securing over \$15,000 in grants and \$125,000 in state aid.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES)

PROGRAM (none)

OTHER

Ms. Leyden again expressed her positive experience during her 12 years as a board member. Ms. Neff welcomed her to any future meetings as a valued community member.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.