

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

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 \$11.48 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’s 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.