

HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY - Board of Trustees Meeting February 27, 2023

Board members present: Tammi Trudel, Marie Manner, Kevin Quigley, Francoise LeGoues, Cindy Neff, Mark Geisler (arrived 6:45 pm), Gina Goodenow, Judi DiLoreto, Steve Pavlopoulos

Also present: Jill Davis, Director

Mr. Quigley called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the January 23, 2023 meeting were approved on a **motion** made by Ms. Neff and seconded by Ms. Goodenow; the motion carried (6-0) with 2 abstention (Mr. Geisler was not present for the vote).

FINANCES – Mrs. Davis

Budget to Date - reviewed and accepted

Treasurer's Report - reviewed and accepted.

Miscellaneous Income Report - reviewed and accepted

OLD BUSINESS

EV Charging Station

The charging station has been completely installed. There are still a few issues with the software, but Mrs. Davis is working with the company to clarify/rectify the issues. She is in the process of acquiring the proper signage, which will include directions for usage and recognition of Con Edison

Fundraising Update

Ms. Trudel reported on the progress of the Wine Bottle BINGO planning. She has created a document that will be shared with the board listing the local business that she has contacted for donations. She asks that each board member reach out to one or two establishments (restaurants, liquor stores) that they know of or like, to see if they would be willing to support the event and add these vendors to the document. Mrs. Davis reported that the sheet fundraiser is set for the summer and that she is still investigating vendors for the original art work fundraiser. The art auction is scheduled for February of 2024.

Board of Education Presentation

Mr. Brandon (or Mr. Quigley) will present the Library's budget, for inclusion on the May 16th ballot, at the March 8th Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Davis will attend along with any available trustees. Mrs. Davis will advise all trustees of the place and time.

NEW BUSINESS

2023-2024 Budget Review

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2023-2024 budget. A **motion** to approve the proposed budget with a 2.9% budget to budget increase-a tax levy of \$1, 300,000; 8.0% levy to levy- was made by Mr. Quigley and seconded by Ms. Trudel; motion carried (8-0) with 1 abstention (Mr. Geisler had just arrived).

Executive Session

Called: 7:06 pm (Ms. Neff/Ms. Manner)

Personnel

Adjourned: 7:30pm (Ms. Manner/Mr. Geisler)

A **motion** to set the 2023-2024 Library Director's salary to the agreed upon rate as determined in executive session and to allow for up to 3% increases for all other staff was made by Ms. LeGoues and seconded by Ms. DiLoreto; motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Tax Cap Override Resolution

Whereas, the adoption of the 2023-2024 budget for the Hendrick Hudson Free Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Hendrick Hudson Free Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for the 2023-2024 fiscal year by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on February 27, 2023.

Holtec-PILOT vs Tax Rolls

Mrs. Davis reported that the school district is still trying to negotiate a PILOT agreement with HOLTEC, but if an agreement cannot be reached the HOLTEC property will go back on the tax rolls (possibly by June). Mrs. Davis is not sure what this means with respect to the funding the library currently receives. She will keep in contact with the district for updates.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Whistle-Blower Violations Report (April-September-January)

Social Media Stats (February-June-October)-distributed with board documents

Schwab

Representatives from Beacon Trust will be attending our June 2023 meeting to review our current investment accounts.

Blind Date with a Book/No Look Book Nook

In celebration of *Love Your Library Month*, the library displayed books for all ages that were wrapped in brown paper to hide the title and author. Each item listed the genre and a couple of adjectives to describe the book—that was all. Patrons were invited to “check them out” blindly, without looking. A total of 53 of the 71 titles wrapped were taken out! We hope that this program sparked a love for a new author or genre.

Trustee Training 2023

Beginning January 1, 2023 all library trustees are required to complete 2 hours of trustee training per calendar year. Mrs. Davis provided links to the 2023 NYS Trustee Handbook's Virtual Book Club's that they can attend to meet this requirement. Once completed all trustees should provide Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Kolesar with the date and title of the session taken.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (January, May, September) - provided in meeting documents.

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT- Mr. Quigley adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

NEXT MEETING: March 27, 2023 – 7:00 pm (General Meeting)