

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

April 24, 2023

Board members present: Philip Brandon, Cynthia Neff, Mark Geisler, Tammi Trudel, Gina Goodenow, Marie Manner, Judi DeLoreto, Steve Povlopoulos, Kevin Quigley

Also present: Jill Davis, Director, Jenny Kolesar, Business Manager, Terri Jersey, Children's Librarian, Katie Caracci, Administrative Assistant, Elise Landesberg, Reference/Teen Librarian

Total attendance: 18

Mr. Brandon called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. The meeting began with those in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – April 26, 2021

The minutes of the April 25, 2022, annual meeting were accepted (reading of them waived) on a **motion** made by Ms. Goodenow and seconded by Ms. Neff; motion carried 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Goodenow presented the proposed 2023-2024 Library Operating Budget which will be voted on by Hendrick Hudson School District voters on May 16th. The library's proposed budget reflects an 8% levy increase which is a 2.9% budget to budget increase. This represents approximately a \$96,817 levy increase over last year. The average taxpayer in the Town of Cortlandt will see an annual increase of \$2.19 per thousand of assessed value and Peekskill taxpayers will see an annual increase of \$0.70 per thousand assessed value. For the average taxpayer living in the Town of Cortlandt this means library services will cost \$240 **per year** and in Peekskill that **yearly** number would be \$135.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS

Nominated for re-appointment to three-year terms July 2023- June 2026:

Approved at the April 24, 2023 meeting:

Philip Brandon
Mark Geisler
Gina Goodenow
Tammi Trudel

Motion to accept the re-appointment of **Mr. Brandon** was made by Mr. Geisler, seconded by Mrs. Manner; motion passed 8-0 with Mr. Brandon abstaining.

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Motion to accept the re-appointment of **Mrs. Goodenow** was made by Mr. Brandon, seconded by Mr. Quigley; motion passed 8-0 with Mrs. Goodenow abstaining.

Motion to accept the re-appointment of **Mrs. Trudel** was made by Mrs. Neff, seconded by Mrs. Goodenow; motion passed 8-0 with Mrs. Trudel abstaining.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SLATE OF OFFICERS July 2023-June 2025

Approved at the April 24, 2023 meeting:

- President - Kevin Quigley
- Vice President - Francoise Legoues
- Treasurer - Gina Goodenow
- Secretary - Tammi Trudel

Motion to accept the slate of officers as presented was made by Mrs. Manner and seconded by Mrs. DiLoreto; motion passed unanimously 9-0.

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 11 for the fiscal year 2023-2024 was made by Mr. Geisler and seconded by Mr. Brandon; motion carried unanimously 9-0.

DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2022

See attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES)

PROGRAM

Ashokan Farewell by Jay Ungar
performed by The HenHud String Duo -
Sophia Jimdar, violin and Aidan Schneider, cello

OTHER

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.

Directors Report-Annual Meeting 2023

Welcome and good evening to all, as a reminder my report this evening is on statistics, programs and happenings from the previous calendar year-so tonight think of this as a year in review-2022.

Over the past year, the Library continued to offer both traditional and non-traditional library services for patrons of all ages and interests. We strived to make our community the best it can be by engaging with our patrons; developing lasting community relationships and offering programs and services that further the growth of those relationships. What I hope to capture tonight are the highlights of those programs and services, some uniquely ours, and some traditional that have helped us towards these goals.

In 2022 over 800 programs were offered, attended by over 12,000 patrons. Our children's department offered 367 programs with close to 5,800 attendees while our adult and teen services departments held 419 programs with over 6,300 in attendance. 35% of these programs were either virtual or held outdoors including our most popular Coffeehouse Concerts and Tai Chi- while all of our children's programs were held in person. We love having our youngest patrons back in our building.

We also had both a children's and teens team participate in the Battle of the Books which was once again held virtually but will be back in person in 2023-we can't wait!

We circulated over 138,000 items and had over 55,000 patrons come through our doors

We accepted and processed 672 passports;

Held 11 blood drives (NY Blood Center) where 397 unit of blood were collected helping over 1000 patients in local hospitals;

131 community members came to our Mobile Shredding Day;

Collected 800 lbs. of plastic and received a second Treks bench for our efforts;

Added a chat function to our website;

Hosted a fantastic evening of fun with a terrific turnout at our Comedy Night Event;

Raised over \$1500 on our Peachskin Sheets Fundraiser;

Installed an EV Charging Station (on my to do list since 2006!) with a generous grant from Con Edison;

Received \$50,000 in State aid from Assemblywoman Sandy Galef which was used for the LED Sign located on the main road; AND

We applied for and received close to \$70,000 in COVID reimbursement from Westchester County and FEMA.

Each year I am astonished by what we have accomplished and eager to see what lies ahead for us.

In 2023 and beyond our goals include developing more programming utilizing our spectacular outside spaces, continuing to seek grant opportunities, develop lasting community relationships and provide whatever services our community needs-to continue to be Beyond Words.