

HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY - Board of Trustees Meeting March 25, 2024

Board members present: Tammi Trudel, Marie Manner, Francoise LeGoues, Cindy Neff, Mark Geisler, Gina Goodenow, Judi DiLoreto, Steve Pavlopoulos, Charles Smith, Phil Brandon, Kevin Quigley

Also present: Jill Davis, Director

Mr. Quigley called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the February 26, 2024, meeting were approved on a **motion** made by Ms. Neff and seconded by Ms. LeGoues; the motion carried (10-0).

FINANCES – Mrs. Davis

Budget to Date - reviewed

Treasurer's Report - reviewed

Miscellaneous Income Report - reviewed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bitcoin Policy

Mr. Geisler circulated a draft cryptocurrency statement for consideration as an addition to the Financial Controls Policy to the policy committee prior to the meeting. The committee will review the draft and present their thoughts at a later meeting. The committee will also discuss adding a Parliamentary Procedure appendix, detailing board meeting procedures/guidelines to the bylaws.

Pergola Project

Mrs. Davis will reach out to Lothrop Architects to discuss the costs associated with revisiting the construction of a pergola outside the children's room.

Board of Education Budget Presentation March 13, 2024

Mr. Quigley presented the Library's budget for inclusion on the May 21st ballot, at the March 13th Board of Education meeting held in the high school cafeteria at 7:00 pm. Mrs. Davis along with Ms. Neff and Mr. Brandon attended. The proposition and all that the library offers the community was well received by the Board of Education and community members in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Conflict of Interest Signatures

The new Conflict of Interest Acknowledgment forms were distributed for signing and should be returned to Mrs. Davis.

Cessation Fund

Enrique Catalan, Assistant Superintendent of Business for the Hendrick Hudson School District, advised Mrs. Davis that the library would be receiving money from the NY State Cessation Fund for approximately \$299,000. Mrs. Davis will request additional information from the district on how this amount was determined and if this is a single appropriation.

Election Day 2024

A **motion** to amend the 2024 Holiday closings to include Election Day, November 5, 2024, was made by Mr. Quigley and seconded by Ms. DiLoreto; the motion carried (10-0).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Social Media Stats (February-June-October)

Fire and CO2 Alarms

Mrs. Davis reported that the Verplanck Fire Department was dispatched to the library on two occasions in the past month, once due to a patron vaping in a restroom and once to check the building for carbon monoxide.

HVAC Update

The replacement of the heating and cooling coils and rooftop condenser units began March 19th and is nearing completion. This project was funded in part by NYS construction funds. Once completed all HVAC units will have been updated.

National Library Week

National Library Week 2024 runs from April 7-13. The library will be holding events to celebrate including a chance for patrons to visit with Trustees on April 10th, a Millennial Book Club (reading *The Personal Librarian*) and a viewing of the solar eclipse.

Art Auction Fundraiser

The art auction fundraiser which was held in February was a success; twenty-two of the 37 art pieces were sold with proceeds totaling \$2,375.

Blood Drive

The library has been holding monthly blood drives since October 2020 and to date has collected 1769 pints of blood which has saved 5,000 lives.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (January, May, September)

CORRESPONDENCE

ADJOURNMENT- Mr. Quigley adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, TBD, 2024 – 6:30 pm (General Meeting)
7:15 pm (Annual Meeting)**

Mr. Quigley, who lost a friendly wager with Mrs. Davis paid homage to the Duke Blue Devils (who beat his James Madison Dukes in the NCAA tourney) by wearing Duke swag for the entire meeting; having his picture posted on social media and giving a cheer saluting those Devils!