

HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY - Board of Trustees Meeting March 24, 2025

Board members present: Marie Manner, Cindy Neff, Steve Pavlopoulos, Mark Geisler, Phil Brandon, Judi DiLoreto, Francoise LeGoues, Kevin Quigley

Also present: Jill Davis, Director

Mr. Quigley called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the February 24, 2025, meeting were approved on a **motion** made by Ms. LeGoues and seconded by Ms. Neff; the motion carried (8-0).

FINANCES – Mrs. Davis

Budget to Date - reviewed

Treasurer's Reports - reviewed

Miscellaneous Income Reports – reviewed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board of Education Budget Presentation

Mr. Quigley, Ms. Manner, Ms. Trudel and Mrs. Davis all attended March 5, 2025 Board of Education Meeting to ask that the library tax levy proposition be included on the May 20th ballot. Mr. Tromblee, HHSD Superintendent, spoke of the great relationship the district has with the library.

NEW BUSINESS

Bitcoin

The library can now accept donations in Bitcoin via our website.

Reputation Based Filtering

For added protection of the WLS network, reputation-based filtering is being tested at larger libraries, with the intention of implementing it across the entire county in the coming months. See the attached document for additional information.

Library Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hendrick Hudson Free Library will be held on Monday, April 28th beginning at 7:15 pm. Currently, there is no program planned for that evening. Documents pertaining to the meeting (Annual Report/2025-2026 Proposed Budget) will be posted on the website prior to the meeting.

Joint Gathering of the Town of Cortlandt Library Boards

The Directors of the Cortlandt contract libraries (Hendrick Hudson, Peekskill, Croton, John C. Hart) would like to have a gathering of the boards for discussion of common goals, operations and to any relevant library related topics. Mrs. Davis will reach out to Supervisor Becker to see if he would like to attend. The two proposed dates are July 14th or August 18. Mrs. Davis will send a Doodle poll to determine which date works best for our trustees.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lottery for Chess Club

Due to the overwhelming popularity of Chess Club participants will be chosen by lottery. Our volunteer chess instructor will be "retiring" at the end of the summer. We will be looking for a new instructor for this well-attended event, including the high school chess club students.

National Library Week

National Library Week is April 6-13 and there will be a number of events happening at the library for both adults and children. Please see our program calendar for more information. Mrs. Davis is having history boards created for display. These panels will chronicle the history of the library and be displayed in the front stairwell.

Baker and Taylor Check

We have begun the process of reporting the fraudulent cashing of a check that was sent to Baker and Taylor (book vendor) with TD Bank. Since the library has Positive Pay put in place, the probability of the check being whitewashed for future fraudulent activity is very low.

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

Social Media Stats (February-June-October)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (January, May, September)

CORRESPONDENCE

OTHER

There was a brief discussion of the Mini Golf fundraiser that was done at the Ossining Library and if it was an event that might be successful here.

ADJOURNMENT- Mr. Quigley adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 28, 2025 – 6:15 pm General Meeting
7:15 PM Annual Meeting**