

**HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY - Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 23, 2026 held March 2 due to snow**

**Board members present:** Kevin Quigley, Marie Manner, Phil Brandon, Cindy Neff, Steve Pavlopoulos, Gina Goodenow, Tammi Trudel, Mark Geisler

**Also present:** Jill Davis, Director

**Ms. Trudel called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**The minutes of the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting (held 2/2/26)** were approved on a **motion** made by Ms. Neff and seconded by Mr. Brandon; the motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Geisler and Ms. Goodenow arrived at approximately 7:08 pm

**FINANCES – Mrs. Davis**

**Budget to Date** - reviewed.

**Treasurer’s Reports** - reviewed.

**Miscellaneous Income Reports** – reviewed.

**Schwab CD 2/2/26**-Mrs. Davis relayed the rate information obtained from Schwab to Ms. Goodenow and a decision will be made to invest this money as follows: \$112,000 in an 18 month CD at 3.85% with interest issued semi-annually.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Elise Landesberg’s Retirement Party**

A gathering was held at the library on February 20th to celebrate Elise’s 30 years of employment here at Hendrick Hudson. Approximately 45 people attended a lively and fun evening.

**2026 Fundraising Events**

Mrs. Davis has scheduled a Trivia Night for June 19, 2026, and will look into having BINGO in October. The fundraising committee will meet in May to begin preparations for a Holiday Tree Decoration fundraiser in December.

**Directors Compensation  
Executive Session**

Called: 7:13 pm (Mr. Quigley/Mr.Pavlopoulos)

**Personnel-Director’s Compensation**

Adjourned: 7:18 pm (Ms. Goodenow/Ms. Neff)

A **motion** to raise Mrs. Davis’ salary to \$122,000 for the 2026-2027 FY (3.54% increase) was made by Mr. Geisler and seconded by Mr. Quigley; the motion carried unanimously (8-0).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Cessation Funds**

The library received \$170,422 in cessation fund money from the closing of Entergy. This money is applied for by the Hendrick Hudson School District on the library's behalf.

### **Community Room Policy**

Mrs. Davis requested a review of the Community Room Policy as it pertains to the fees charged for businesses/for profits who use our facility. After discussion it was decided that the policy committee should meet to review this and other policies and bring their recommendation to the full board.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Board of Education Presentation**

On March 11, 2026, all board members are invited to attend the library's presentation to the Hendrick Hudson Board of Education on the programs and services offered by the library to the community. At this presentation we will request that our levy be placed on the May 2026 ballot as a proposition. Please let Mrs. Davis know if you will be attending.

### **Indie Pop Up Films**

We have begun a partnership with Indie Films which allows us to show 4-5 documentary films each year. The first screening of **The Inquisitor** was held on February 25th and attended by 20 patrons. There was a panel discussion following the film with former Assemblywoman Sandy Galef and Tanya Thomas, Deputy Director of Black Public Media. We will be doing a separate showing of this film for students from the Hendrick Hudson High School on March 18th. The next film being shown is **The Tallest Dwarf** on March 26th.

### **Projector Replacement**

The Community Room projector (12 years old) was replaced. The projector and installation was approximately \$5000. This piece of equipment is used extensively for library programs.

### **Mechanical Room Pipe Leaks and HVAC Repairs**

We had two small pipes in the mechanical room that developed leaks. They were replaced while our HVAC company was here diagnosing an issue we are having with two of our air handlers. It was determined that two of our units have bent shafts which are causing all of our new bearings to fail. They will begin to research the most cost efficient way to resolve this issue. Mrs. Davis will consider applying for a construction grant to help with the cost.

### **Wallpaper**

The wallpaper project has been completed and all are happy with the results.

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

### **Social Media Stats** (February-June-October)

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS** (January, May, September)

### **TRUSTEE TRAINING UPDATE** (March, May, September, December)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **OTHER**

**ADJOURNMENT-** Ms. Trudel adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> -7:00 PM General Meeting**