

HUDSON AREA LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MINUTES for APRIL 24, 2021

ATTENDEES: AnnaMaria Assevero, Miranda Barry, Julia Black, Liz Dickey, Kimberly Erwin, Adrienne Hamil, Michael Grisham, Caitie Hilverman, Mark Orton, Carol Pledger, Gary Sheffer, William Stenehjem, Charles Whittingham

STAFF: Emily Chameides

EXCUSED: Ken Kraus, Dan Ronsani

GUESTS: Toni Koweek, Janet Schnitzer, Jill Leinung, Mark Wilson

Minutes from last meeting not available: to be approved at next meeting. Meeting started at 10:19. Mark Orton opened meeting

Mark Orton PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Discussed bylaw changes and trustees duties- there were no comments - need to vote on these items at the next meeting. A.Assevero acting as secretary pro temps as there is no secretary. Asked Caitie H. to introduce new trustees -Liz and Adrienne

Caitie discussed briefly onboarding. Thanked Miranda and Carol for being buddies to new board members. Spoke about the trustee handbook, workshops in May, bio compilation to be uploaded to the website. Emily to meet new board trustees. New board members invited to introduce themselves

Liz Dickey moved to Hudson in 2018, works at Etsy, on the Police Reconciliation Committee. Thanked Buddy Carol Pledger. Adrienne Hamil moved to Hudson 2019 from Georgia, worked in event coordination and worked for Lil Debs. Lives on State St near the library.

Mark spoke about proposed bylaw changes in 2 areas - rotating secretary and formalizing board development committee: to be voted on at next meeting spoke about trustees duties which were reviewed in December mtg last updated in 2015.

Motion to approve: C.Whittingham: M.Barry seconded - no objections or abstentions. Kim Erwin wants to correct grammar- to be discussed later

TREASURER'S REPORT MICHAEL GRISHAM

56% of annual budget received: spent 17% through 25% of year. \$16,000 March receipts, tea fundraiser raised \$1400. Hudson River Bank Trust Foundation grant \$10,000 entered incorrectly: Emily will correct Expenses \$42,485

Mark Orton called for approval of P&L. Miranda Barry moved: Charles Whittingham 2nded-no abstentions or nays. Carol Pledger moved to approve the treasurer's report: William Stenehjem 2nded-no abstention or nays.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT EMILY CHAMEIDES

Tina Lesem, AA, is moving to Vermont...need to figure out staffing, likely will hire replacement.

There is a new museum pass program funded through a grant from the Ellworth Kelly Foundation to the CCLA where patrons can print passes from home. AnnaLee at Kinderhook library wrote the grant. Grateful for 10k grant from Hudson River. Small grant from Stewart's for summer reading. Berkshire Taconic 5K grant for memory kits. Bank of Greene County funding Spanish classes. Friends gave \$2005 for various resources. Discussed collaborations with the Sylvia Center and RollingGrocer, and with the Columbia Land Conservancy on summer reading bags. Discussed the Library of Local Pilot project focused on community resiliency through gardening, foraging, and seed saving; includes programming and a kiosk with seeds, tools, and books. Noted basement project completion of June 30 with space to house Literacy Connections adult literacy coordinator and meeting/classroom space; Emily working with Ken on design. Will send out Trustee Training information.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT. EMILY CHAMEIDES

Challenging year due to covid: proud of team's dedication. Closed from 3-16 through 6-16 however never ceased operating - maintained virtual programs, services and community outreach. Visits 34,086, 400,000 web visits, membership increased 281 new cards, 6441 Hudson Library cards, new online card registration system, 32,358 items borrowed, 23,046 items added. Highlighted e resources. 3,094 computer sessions, 22,441 WiFi sessions, tech support. 646 programs, 5118 attendees, 123 one on one sessions, 10th anniversary of Radio program, balance class, folklore, music, games/crafts, Spanish, Hudson Eye event, History Room, Census, summer reading, exhibitions. Thanks to Board-Fundraising Efforts. Thanks to Collaborators. Looking ahead -exciting partnerships Space updates- AV installation in community room, ecotopian library. Looking forward to Welcome back expanded hours, opening more fully.

Kimberly Erwin suggested a public domain for Emily's report; Mark O., Miranda B. agreed

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mark Orton stated Program Committee needed to be restarted; Emily Chameides shared Tracy Robinson's program update

HISTORY ROOM & GHOSTLY GALLOP REPORT GARY SHEFFER

Bought \$1000 of historic photos at auction-these items are "hot"
Ghostly Gallop scheduled for 10/24..?change to 10/31

FUNDRAISING Miranda Barry

Percolating ideas. Bill Stenehjem has an idea for an auction of objects of interest. Fall event? pop up to display items? Julia Black -key person for gala- not ready for in person event. Charlie/Julia working on a brochure which the Advisory Committee recommended. Cinco de Mayo event-no go. Charles Whitbeck to join Advisory (thanks to Gary Sheffer) thinks Senior Home Foundation may give an annual donation. Adrienne Hamil presented an idea for punchcard to support local businesses with raffle prizes. AnnaMaria Assevero suggested expanding price points for fundraising . William Stenehjem advised that we need to appreciate artist value

FRIENDS REPORT TONI KOWEEK

Inclusive fundraising, meeting quarterly; Tentative book sale June 4,5 cautiously optimistic- lots of donated books. Stepping down as President-new role Czarina of Book Sales. Searching for President Functional mailing list. Thanks to Board

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Wilson (Kinderhook Library)
great ideas
liked nominating committee

Jill Leinung (Valatie Library)
impressed with annual report
enjoyed meeting

Mark Orton -motion to adjourn
Charles Whittingham moved
William Stenehjem seconded

Meeting adjourned 11:57am

Respectfully submitted,
AnnaMaria Assevero