

## **Call to Order**

**Attendees:** Carol Pledger, Dan, Kimberly, Caitie, Ken, Gary, Bill, Mike, Anna-Maria, Liz  
Liz as secretary

**Staff Attending:** Tracy and Emily

Others Attending: Janet Miller

**Excused:** Charlie Wittingham, Miranda Berry, Julia Black

Absent:

## **Discussion of Goals and Objectives for Program Committee**

- Tracy presented on ongoing programs, special events, and recent move from virtual to in-person and virtual programs
  - Weekly storytime has happened with a hybrid model, and we're seeing much higher attendance in person. Feedback from the community is that the events feel safe with masks and social distancing.
  - Whereas Spanish Language class registrants have indicated interest in virtual programming
  - Need for children to connect in person, adults prefer to meet virtually
  - Ongoing special programs include drag queen story time, wild harvest at oakdale lake, summer reading programs & incentives, and hack the library
  - Upcoming: partnership with Columbia County Land Conservancy; Battle of the Books; Black Arts & Cultural Festival; Waterfront Wednesday Movie Nights
- Mark shared notes from the Programming Committee with Anna-Maria and Emily.
  - There will be a meeting in the second/third week of August to discuss what we want to be doing in terms of targeted audience and events. Wish for the Programming Committee to have a better sense of Hudson's various communities' wants and needs for programming.
  - Committee to scope the need for using additional technology (surveys, data — a programming study — etc.) and personal connections to ensure thoughtful outreach to engage Hudson's communities.
    - What's a general evaluation form we could create to share following program events?

## **Approval of June 2021 Meetings**

- Correct Treasurer's Report to read as Mark Grisham (rather than Michael Grisham)
- Motion to approve: Anna-Maria, Seconded by Bill, Approved with Carol Pledger abstaining.

## **Reports**

### **President's Report - Orton**

- Covered in Programming Report

### **Treasurer's Report - Grisham**

- Correction to the report: spent 45% of budget, ahead on income, and behind on expense front.
- Notable income, grants: one for \$1400, from the X Family Literacy Program, received \$3000 from Columbia County Literacy Program
- Expenses fell to furnishing ground level, including data wiring, furniture, security cameras. \$24,000 paid for finishing the basement space.
  - From the grant, we received \$40,000, which could only cover up to 70% of the expense.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for June: motion Caitie, Seconded by Carol, unanimously approved.
- Motion to approve the profit and loss details for June: motion Ken, Seconded by Carol, unanimously approved.

### **Library Director's Report - Chameides**

- Phased reopening has been going well. Since July 6, no longer requiring appointments. Children and Study areas are open again. Seeing lots of families with kids, and folks new to the library.
- Children under the age of 2 are not required to wear masks.
- Disposable masks are available and visitors are accommodating of that.
- Looking for a new part-time administrative assistant (16-21 hours a week, not remote but flexible, \$16 an hour).
- Two new employees, Mashuda Saltana, new Americorps member, Fahim Ahmed, summer youth employee.
- Volunteers are returning.
- Big thanks to Ken for construction connection help for finishing the basement project.
- Oral History Project with Oral History Summer School, submitting an extension request to continue through August 2022.
- Cataloguing Special Collections.
- Book Club for Library Trustee Handbooks (1 chapter a month).
- NY Hero Act
  - Bare minimum requirements for what HAL will need to comply with.
  - Deadline August 5, 2021.
- Motion to approve policy: Michael First, Kimberly Seconded, approved with Dan voting no.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Board Development - Hilverman**

- Caitie to send out template for promoting board membership to prospective candidates.
  - 4 spots open on the board.
  - Mark to send list of those members' whose terms are up next March.
- Caitie and Mark to put board member bios on the website.

#### **History Room - Sheffer**

- Working on History Room website; met with designer and plans TBD.
- New items for sale from the collection for the holiday season; running low on t-shirts.

- October 7 program about Hudson area Jewish population during the colonial period.
- Virtual Programming for the History Room has been more popular than in-person events historically.

### **Ghostly Gallop: Sheffer**

- School and City permits are set.
- Need to go out and look for sponsors. Emily helping with grant applications.
  - Gary to put together a list of businesses and spec sheet with what the business gets.
- Race is happening on Halloween, promote the kids' fun run.
- Prize for the team that raises the most money; watch progress on the website.

### **Fundraising - Barry**

- Carl Whitbeck, on the board of Home for the Aged proposing collaboration between them and the library
- Susan Danzinger to help promote the block party, which will likely be in early October
  - Family activities
  - Flea Markets
  - Musical performances
- Bill report on auction status, met with Miranda and Charlie to meet with David Murphy (former board president)
  - Recommendation to not do revenue sharing with the artists
  - Need different price points
  - Collaboration with galleries; what's in it for the galleries.
  - Targeting October 2022, potentially take 18 months to plan; live auction in the library and virtual auction that would go on for a number of weeks.
  - We need a name for the event.
  - David Murphy giving an Elsworth Kelly.
  - We need sponsors and donors.
  - Committee will come back with an operating budget for putting this auction together.

### **Friends - Miller**

- Looking to replace Toni as president
- Made around \$1000 from the book sale

Motion to adjourn: Anna-Maria, Seconded from Caitie, unanimously approved