

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Hudson Area Library Board of Trustees was held in the library on February 15, 2020. President Mark Orton called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

Attendees: Mark Orton (President), Miranda Barry, Carol Pledger, Gary Scheffer, Michael Grisham, Dan Ronsani, Anna Nilsson, Anna-Marie Assevero, Theresa Parsons, Kimberley Erwin, DeWayne Powell, Bill Stenehjem

Staff Attending: Emily Chameides (Library Director)

Others Attending: Janet Schnitzer (Friends of the HAL), Janet Miller (Friends of the HAL), Amy Smith (head program and youth services, Red Hook Library)

Excused: Lisa Dolan, Julia Black, Ken Kraus

Approval of Minutes:

DeWayne Powell made a motion to approve the January 2020 minutes, seconded by Anna Nilsson. Unanimously approved.

Reports:

President's Report: Mark Orton

Progress on basement, with COARC planning Certificate of Occupancy by August.

We need to revisit the lease.

The Executive Committee is working on nominations.

Reminder that VP position is vacant and call for volunteer.

Treasurer's Report: Anna Nilsson (Report Attached)

Vote on the budget next month.

The \$50,000 contribution from David Murphy is reflected in the report.

Motion to approve Profit & Loss detail by Teresa Parsons seconded by Miranda Barry, passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Miranda Barry seconded by Teresa Parsons and passed unanimously.

Library Director's Report: Emily Chameides (Report Attached)

Paul Costa has completed updating computers to Windows 10, with the issue of updating the authorization system resolved.

Progress on oral histories by Thea Ezinga, soon joined by Mary O'Toole; archive of summaries being created for the web.

Annual Appeal donations still coming in.

Event held for donors to restoration of the 1871 map held, with talk by Carole Osterink describing the buildings to be reused on the website.

A few orders for both canvas and paper copies of the map have been received. Anna-Marie Assevero asked if smaller reproductions could be made available.

Space in the basement is a little smaller than the current front office.

Quote has been requested or shades like those in place to install on the State Street side of the main room of the library.

Programs: Kimberly Erwin

No recent meeting. Trying to schedule for third Thursday of month.

DeWayne Powell noted the Mahogany L. Browne program for this spring has received \$6,250 funding so far, needs more.

History Room/Ghostly Gallop: Gary Sheffer

Opening reception was held February 8 for *The History of the Census in Hudson*. David Murphy donated exhibit box; Brenda took photos of pages in census that are accessible to visitor.

Dan Ronsani will work with Gary on the Gallop.

Gallop needs sponsors.

Considering a run across the bridge again, probably for end of July.

Fund Raising: Miranda Barry

Committee meeting soon.

Planning to celebrate 50th anniversary in late June with block party outside and low-level fund raising.

Emily will talk to mayor about notices on lamp posts on Warren St.

Still considering an advisory board, \$5,000 pledge.

Anna-Marie Assevero noted the grants given to art programs, suggested a possible spin-off art association, maybe with partner(s) in the arts.

Long-Range Planning: Mark Orton

Plan will be presented in the March meeting for approval.

Need to resolve in April and schedule tasks.

Gary Sheffer asked about COLA agreement with Hudson and a funding agreement with Greenport; both likely items for 2021 election.

Good meeting with Hudson mayor, invited him back for History Room.

Friends: Janet Schnitzer

Book and Bake sale made \$1,346.

Warren Street Academy donated \$270 toward purchases by students.

Public Comments

Mark Orton reminded that regular and annual meeting will be held next month.

Motion to adjourn at 11:20 made by Miranda Barry and seconded by Gary Sheffer passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Michael Grisham.