

HENDRICK HUDSON FREE LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 22, 2019

Board members present: Mark Geisler, Charles Smith, Agnes Leyden, Cindy Neff, Karen Rosen, Francoise LeGoues (Skype), Philip Brandon, Jeffrey Schwartz

Also present: Jill Davis, Director; Kevin Quigley, Trustee-elect

Ms. Neff called the meeting to order at 8:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion made by Ms. Feher and seconded by Mr. Smith; motion carried unanimously (7-0) with one abstention.

FINANCES - Mrs. Davis

- **Budget-to-Date**-reviewed and accepted. Mrs. Davis discussed income and expense items and reported that the value of the Roth money will be recorded monthly on the gifts and endowments report.
- **Treasurer's Report** - Mrs. Davis reported that the TD accounts are now receiving interest. The Holding Account and Operating Checking Account are receiving 1.05%. The Operating Savings account is receiving 1.2%."
- **Miscellaneous Income Report** - reviewed and accepted. Passport application fees for the year will be over \$12,000.

SUNRISE SOLAR BATTERY BACKUP PRESENTATION-Doug Hertz

- Mr. Hertz and Mrs. Davis have been discussing the feasibility of installing a battery system to our current solar panels to store excess power produced to be used at a later date. By doing this the library would be able to decrease the demand portion of the electric bill. This portion is currently about \$15,000 per year. Installation of the battery system has the potential to reduce this by \$8,000-\$10,000 per year. Mr. Hertz discussed the operation of the system, the costs, the current incentives and programs for additional revenue available to the library, and the options for payment (see attached presentation). Trustees asked questions covering all areas. It was decided that Mr. Hertz could begin the application process required to establish a relationship with Con Edison to determine if our system meets the connection criteria necessary to move forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS -NONE

OLD BUSINESS

- **Personnel Action Approval**
A motion was made by Mr. Geisler and seconded by Ms. Leyden that to the extent required by law, the Board ratifies the appointment and salaries of the current officers and employees of the Hendrick Hudson Free Library; motion carried unanimously (8-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approval of Policy Changes**
All Trustees received the updated Policy Manual and the proposed changes. Mr. Geisler reviewed and answered any questions. A **motion** to approve the changes was made by Ms. Leyden and seconded by Ms. Neff; motion carried unanimously (8-0).
- **Acknowledgement of Conflict of Interest by Board of Trustees**
All Trustees acknowledged and signed that they received, read and are in compliance with the Hendrick Hudson Free Library's Conflict of Interest Policy. (Acknowledgements attached)
- **Patron Program Off Property**
A patron offered to provide an off property program that would make use of the libraries Explorer Bags (donated by the Audubon Society) and would include a hike of some of the nearby trails. The program would take place on Saturdays, cost \$20 per family and no library staff would be present. After discussion the consensus was that this could be a liability for the library and since the fee was going to the patron it was a program the patron could do without library sponsorship. We would be happy to allow our Explorer Bags to be used.
- **Appointment of Ex-Officio**
A **motion** to extend an invitation to former Trustee Ellen Roth to be an Ex-Officio of the Board of Trustees for a term ending June 30, 2022 was made by Ms. Neff and seconded by Ms. Leyden; motion carried unanimously (8-0).
- **F. Y. Eye-2020 Census Paid Advertising Campaign**
As a point of information, Mrs. Davis explained that F.Y. Eye and the library have been partners for over 5 years. F.Y. Eye provided the screen that our PSA's in the lobby display and are also a not for profit entity. They will be applying for funding from the federal government to support advertising for the upcoming 2020 Census. Libraries will take a lead role in ensuring all community members are counted. As a partner, if F.Y. Eye receives funding, we would be eligible to receive some revenue for displaying Census materials on our screen. The amount is yet to be determined.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Quarterly Whistle-Blowers Violations Report**-none
- **NWSO and Duo Cello**
Saturday, April 27th @ 3pm and Sunday, April 28th at 1:30 pm, respectively
- **Passport Day**
Huge success, processed 43 applications
- **National Library Week Kick off Breakfast**
Mrs. Davis attended the kick off breakfast at Doral Arrowwood with Jenny Kolesar. The speaker was NYLA President, Michelle Young who spoke about how today's libraries are powerful and influential organizations in their communities.

- **Charter Change Approval**
The Board of Regents approved the charter change submitted in September of 2017, which specified that the term length of trustees be three years.
- **Entergy Sale of Indian Point to Holtec**
Entergy announced that they have reached an agreement to sell Indian Point to Holtec once the plants cease operations in 2021. (Article distributed)
- **Cole Garden Donation**
Dr. and Mrs. Stuart Rickett will be donating \$1250 to cover the revitalization of the Chris Cole Memorial Garden. The proposal submitted by Preferred Pest Management was reviewed and accepted by the family.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - (January, May, September)

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Live On The Hudson Sponsorship Thank you**
The library received a note recognizing our sponsorship the Hendrick Hudson School Districts Live on the Hudson event.

OTHER

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.