

Hudson Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Minutes
February 22, 2024 at 4:30 PM

Virtual Meeting postponed from In-person Meeting scheduled for February 15, 2024

Present: Tom Desmond, Mary McCormack, Aileen Sanchez-Himes, and Lisa Aucoin

Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM.

MINUTES: January 18, 2024 minutes reviewed and unanimously accepted.

REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

Communications & Publicity - The Library was featured or mentioned twice in the Community Advocate regarding the community forums, the construction grant application, and building issues.

Expenditures - There is nothing to be concerned about at this time.

Statistics - Overall the numbers are down, in large part due to the decrease in the use of databases.

Friends of the Hudson Public Library - In January, the Friends voted to spend \$739 on One Book, One Hudson programs. They voted to spend \$6,962 on new AWE computers. They approved the renewal of several museum passes. They decided to accept discarded library comic books. In February, they voted to have the YART sale again in the beginning of June. They have decided to expand the sale to allow vendors to sell typical yard sale items in addition to art. They also considered donating 30 Friends bags for the Library to use for the Door-to-Door service.

Director's Report - Budget: The Trustees unanimously approved the director's request for the use of up to \$1,300 in State Aid to be used for a deep cleaning of the building in April. The date for an upcoming FY25 budget meeting with the Finance Committee has yet to be determined.

Personnel: Jess is the January Above & Beyond Accolades winner.

Library Services: The CW MARS network is introducing a new interface for the library catalog in March. The Hoopla workshop scheduled for February at the Senior Center was canceled due to the weather. The session will be rescheduled.

Programs & Outreach: Nicole was a guest Bingo caller at a Mulready School program. The Director and Assistant Director conducted three library tours leading up to the Community Forums. One Book, One

Hudson continues through February 29. Staff are preparing for the April Solar Eclipse programs as well as Summer Experience.

Library Operations: With the exception of working on tasks necessary to complete the requirements for the library construction grant, library operations continue as usual.

Building Maintenance: The Children's Room experienced another leak in the same general area as the 2021 leak. A claim was submitted to the Town.

OLD BUSINESS

The Community Forums had a great turnout.

NEW BUSINESS

The Library survey has been advertised on social media. An email about it has been sent out from Town Hall to the town-wide email list. There are also plans to submit it for display on the BID signs and to send it to the schools. Paper copies are available at the Library.

The Trustees unanimously voted to move forward with the Proposal for Supplemental Structural Engineering Consulting Services.

The Trustees advised the administrative staff to consult with the Town legal council before moving forward with any plans regarding fundraising.

HUD-TV will be at the Library on Monday, 2/26 to conduct a tour of the Library.

The external bookdrop has arrived. DPW will level the area with concrete in the spring so that the bookdrop can be properly unloaded by the Children's Room staff.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is on 3/21/24 at 4:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Aucoin