

**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2023 at 7:30 PM**

Present: Jeff Golde, Linda Stutz, Jennifer Andrews, David Tabacoff, Jed Ilany, Larry Erik Carlson, Donna Garofalo,

Absent: isabel Dominguez, Tiffany Gordon, Alison Hendele, Liberty Barrett

Public Comment Period:

Approval of Meeting Minutes Linda, Jed - unanimously approved

Director Report

- Cultural Heart of the Community Report Summer programs Pride Program, FIFA watch party successful
- DLD Grant update - extension until next year
Automatic door openers installed; water bottle fillers still in process as amendment needed. Still \$4k in budget which needs to be put in the amendment. Bids submitted; patio furniture needs to be replaced with monies available. The railing needs an upgrade as well (DLD grant); upgrade for broken ventilation grill in Lobby; Library banners/poles (Rivertown Digital). Larry spoke about Bob in the Village being good to work with.

Linda asked about an upgrade to entrance and lobby. Eric advised that this is part of the 10 year plan for improvements. DLD is for upgrades only.

Eric also mentioned the need for a new Friends Treasurer as Anna Christina is leaving.

Jeff asked Larry if there are any other ways we can work with the Village.

Discussed the homeless population in Dobbs. Researching laws for homeless.

Larry suggested that the Superintendent of Dobbs Schools meet with Eric to discuss liaising with the schools.

4th of July party a success; a repair clinic was popular as well.

Hispanic Heritage celebrations Oct 2 in the Library plaza

Sept 30 also a celebration

Monday Oct 2 - Banned Book pub trivia - Hudson Social

Oct 31 - Street Trick or Treating

Eric has been going to local bookstores left flyers

Eric looking into offering fingerprinting. Will report back.

Library Clock - replacing is \$20k. Jeff suggested a Building Committee be put together to discuss alternatives.

Trustee committee also advisable.

Jeff requested Fund Balance at year end 2022.

Librarian Report

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Friends' Report

- Friends will hold an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, September 30th from 2:30 - 4:00 pm to meet community members and let them know a bit more about what the library and the Friends do and potentially gain more volunteers. If any of the library board members are available we would welcome them to attend as well.
- holding a book sale on the Plaza in front of the library on Saturday, October 7th from 10:00 am- 5:00 pm during the Ferry Festa. We will also be selling raffle tickets for the latest quilt completed by the quilting group of Mary's Yarns. The quilt will be displayed at the table the library will have near village hall and tickets will also be for sale there.
- Friends are desperately searching for a new treasurer as Anna-Christina will be completing her term December 1. Please let us know if you know of any potential volunteers.

Committee

- Policy & Compliance
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- Finance Committee
 - o Hull Estate - First check came in, \$34,394.98
 - o NYCLASS Investments
 - o WLS SLA - grant \$50k for wifi/internet - a \$22k savings; will take some time to get bids and approval - hold off for now
 - o Finance Policy - working on it
 - o Patio Furniture - Jennifer volunteered to help in selection. Board approved budget

Nominating Committee needs to be named by Jeff in October - Jeff to send an email; Jed moved to form a committee to search for new Trustees. David requested a streamlined process. First meeting with entire Board. Linda offered to chair.

Put announcement on website about open trustee position.

- Marketing
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- Personnel Committee
 - o Approve appointing Gretchen Beckhorn to the Library Assistant position

- o Approve hiring Franchesca Febres as Library Clerk
- o Approve hiring Luis Paredes as Library Clerk
- o Holiday hours and vacation

All appointments approved unanimously

Discussion

- Holidays for part-time staff - summer Saturdays a possibility, having certain Monday holiday's closed; extend Sundays - Sept to May. Balances out the finances.
- Clock tower
- DLD Grant
 - o Library banners
 - <https://www.signbracketstore.com/banner-brackets.html?p=1>
 - o Patio Railing
 - <https://www.trex.com/products/railing/transcend/#tabs-5ae2f46b4b-item-cc0c99bf10-tab>
- Homeless at the Library
- Hull Estate, purchasing new patio furniture
 - o <https://www.polywood.com/nautical-48-bench-nb48.html?qty=1>
 - o <https://www.polywood.com/nautical-adirondack-dining-chair-add610.html?qty=1>
 - o <https://www.polywood.com/18-side-table-sbt18.html?qty=1>
 - o <https://www.polywood.com/nautical-curveback-adirondack-chair-2-piece-set-with-ottoman-pws1462-1.html?qty=1>
- 2024 Trustee Search
- Executive Nominations and Process

Updates/Additional Matters/Next Meeting

Trustee Education

2023 Trustee Handbook Book Club Schedule

- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Access & Justice (Tuesday, October 17, 2023 | 5:00-6:30 pm) [REGISTER](#)
- Financing & Managing Construction Projects (Tuesday, December 19, 2023 | 5:00-6:30 pm) [REGISTER](#)

Post event details:

- All those who attend a live session will receive a certificate of attendance.
- All those who register will receive a follow up message with a recording of the session.
- All sessions will be recorded and archived on [the landing page for the series](#). No certificates of attendance will be issued by MHLS for independent viewing of a session.

Announcements

- Next regular meeting is scheduled for October 18th, 2023
- Upcoming board meeting dates for 2023 are as follows: 10/18, 11/15, & 12/20

Changing the Nov mtg will be decided upon. Jeff is away.

Adjournment 9:07