

Hillsdale Free Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting

May 8, 2006

In attendance were: James Borowski, Marie Hanlon, Paul Gross, Kim Kralik, Dr. Elliott Lichtstein, Allen Saslowsky, Gary Weir

Also present: David Franz, Director of the Library

Excused: Karyl Lynn, Donna Schiavone, Council Liaison, Nancy McKarahan

Dr. Elliott Lichtstein, for Gary Weir, President, called to order a meeting of the Trustees of the Free Public Library of Hillsdale, Bergen County, New Jersey. Notice of this meeting was transmitted to the newspaper of record, filed with the Borough Clerk, and posted on the Library's website and bulletin board, in accordance with the Open Public Meeting's Law.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM. Dr. Lichtstein made a motion to approve the April minutes, Mr. Gross seconded. Unanimous vote of approval.

The public was invited to speak. Mr. Robert Hewitt expressed his overwhelming enthusiasm with yesterday's re-dedication celebration and was especially delighted for the children.

President's Report: Deferred.

Treasurers' Report: Mr. Borowski: The first quarter check for \$36,000 will be coming next week. The CPA auditor was here for two days in April and we are awaiting the draft of the audit.

Operating bills: (see attached) The summer reading program will be mostly funded by *The Friends*.

Director's Report: Mr. Franz: (see attached) Circulation statistics are still brisk. PR in various newspapers has been excellent. Meeting room usage statistics were provided. Having the room usage policy has provided structure and guidance for groups using the room. There were 25 students here for the recent Poetry Night and Laura will be adding some new links to the teen section of the website. The Board was invited to march in the Memorial Day parade. Programming for June will include an art historian speaking on Leonardo Da Vinci (June 13th), coin collecting, a slide show on the National Parks set to music, the Ridgewood Camera Club will have a display, Senior Cinema and a big book sale in conjunction with the American Legion Post. The maximum number of attendees that has been in the conference room has been about 50 people. Mr. Gross asked what if there is a larger crowd and Mr. Franz said that some presentations take place in the porch area which can accommodate probably 65-70 people. Pre-registration helps plan accordingly. Dr. Lichtstein said that we should look into a portable PA system. Mr. Franz will be writing thank you notes to the many people who helped out with the re-dedication ceremony.

Mr. Franz is working on the landscaping plan. Topsoil and seeding are needed as well as laying out the beds. Sprinklers are due in next week. Mr. Franz will obtain proposals for soil and seed.

Ms. Hanlon said that the 20' x 40' tent outside yesterday was wonderful and perhaps it could be left there during the summer. It would be nice for outside events, evening concerts etc. Mr. Franz will investigate the cost to purchase one with roll-down sides. Ms. Hanlon asked if there would be any extra insurance involved.

Mr. Gross said that the town may have to remove a portion of the parking lot surface per FEMA because they want impervious gravel alongside the brook/flood zone. It is on the town council's agenda tomorrow evening. The fencing at the back end of the property is to be taken care of by the borough.

Mr. Gross would like to be present at the next *Friends* meeting. Mr. Franz will contact Michael Giancarlo about a calendar of dates.

Construction: Mr. Franz: DiCarolis has finished their work and several change orders must still be negotiated. Mr. Franz will prepare a finalized list of all of the construction costs. We are operating under a temporary certificate of occupancy. Additional emergency lights need to be added in the stacks and some light bulbs outside have to be replaced.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Gross, seconded by Dr. Lichtstein. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:00 PM. Our next board meeting will be on June 12th.

Respectfully submitted by:
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Recording Secretary