

Hillsdale Free Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 13, 2009

In attendance were: Mayor John Sapanara, Barbara Abolafia, James Borowski, Marie Hanlon, Warren Harris, Allen Saslowsky, Gary Weir

Also present: David Franz, Director of the Library

Excused: Marsha Demarest, Kathleen Scordato, Kelly Smith

Mr. Harris, 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 7:35 PM. Mr. Borowski made a motion to accept the March minutes, Mr. Weir seconded. Unanimous vote of approval.

Public invited to speak: None present

President's Report: Mr. Harris deferred his comments to the general meeting. He noted that donations are down. Mr. Weir said that there were significant donations to *The Friends* over the winter, despite this economy.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Borowski: The first quarter check came in. Mr. Borowski asked about financing for purchasing future computers. There is money in the reserve fund to replace 1-2 computers yearly. All the machines have a warranty for approximately four years. Butch will be changing the HVAC controls in the Library this year.

Director's Report: (see attached) Mr. Franz: A staff member is out tonight, so Mr. Franz will have to leave the meeting early. The NJ Libraries Institute meeting will be on Sat. May 9th –bussing provided if you wish to attend. This is National Library Week. We are up 3% in circulation for the first quarter. Laura Leonard will be receiving an award from NJLA. Printing costs have escalated and patrons are not necessarily observing the request to minimize printing or donate to printing costs. All Board members agreed that there should be some charges incurred, especially for the toner. Donations have increased, but they don't meet expenses. Mayor Sapanara suggested that there be a limit to free printing up to a certain number of copies and then charge after that. Mr. Harris suggested starting with a printing policy and monitor its effectiveness. Ms. Hanlon said that our patrons get a lot of services for free, including DVDs. Mr. Franz suggested charging 10 cents per page for black and white copies; all color pages would remain at twenty-five cents per page. Ms. Abolafia made a motion to accept this policy, Mr. Saslowsky seconded. Unanimous vote of approval. Ms. Hanlon will mention this at the town board meeting tomorrow night.

The Friends: Mr. Weir: *The Friends* have graciously donated money towards this summer's programming, money for a flat screen TV and funding for some staff public relations type t-shirts.

New Business: Mayor Sapanara said that there will be a town shredding day in May and residents can bring papers to the DPW to be shredded. It is part of the town contract. Any used books could also be

donated at the same time. It is being publicized in the local newspaper. Paperback books also get donated to the Stonybrook Swim Club. Ms. Abolafia discussed a 'National Day of Writing', on October 20th – it could go as a flyer with school summer reading lists. Any kind of writing can be submitted – blogging, book reviews, poetry, etc. It can be posted on a national website, as well as our own website. This would be done in lieu of a town-wide read. All Board members said it was innovative. Judging would take place and some prizes offered. It would be a good motivator for the schools. Mr. Borowski asked about the 30 second video contest and if there had been any entries. The summer film festival will take place every Monday night from mid-June through July. There has been no further discussion on reducing funding to Libraries.

The next Library Board meeting will be on May 11, 2009. Mr. Borowski moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Abolafia seconded. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre Danaher
Recording Secretary