

Hillsdale Free Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 9, 2009

In attendance were: Mayor John Sapanara, Barbara Abolafia, James Borowski, Marsha Demarest, Marie Hanlon, Allen Saslowsky, Kelly Smith, Kathleen Scordato, Gary Weir

Also present: David Franz, Director of the Library

Excused: Warren Harris

Ms. Demarest, Vice-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 7:33 PM. Mr. Borowski made a motion to accept the February minutes, Ms. Abolafia seconded. Unanimous vote of approval.

Public invited to speak: None present

President's Report: None given

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Borowski: We haven't received our first quarter check yet. Mr. Franz spoke at the Borough meeting last week and we are awaiting approval of our budget with minor modifications to the staff benefits. Mayor Sapanara said that there are no anticipated furloughs or layoffs in the town.

Director's Report: (see attached) Mr. Franz:

- ✓ The legislation for the 1/6 mill funding was withdrawn in its present format given the amount of feedback from the public.
- ✓ Our Library is heavily used and offers many services. For example, last year our computer usage was up 10%. Mr. Franz purchased two new PCs for the public as well as a public scanner. All of our Dell computers are out of warranty; Mr. Franz will be purchasing two new computers yearly. Mr. Borowski asked about getting a MAC, but that is not planned. Protective software, currently in use in many BCCLS Libraries, was purchased and installed on the computers.
- ✓ The Earth Scouts have a display in the glass cabinets of recycled art. They will also have a table display on March 28th for Earth Hour.
- ✓ Programming for April: The American Legion Post will sponsor a veteran's lecture about his year in Afghanistan with an accompanying slide show. The ever popular Kurt Gallagher will provide children's entertainment on April 16th. Mr. Doucette will present a 6 hour defensive driving course on two consecutive Saturdays, April 4th and 11th. There was a lovely jazz trio this past weekend.
- ✓ Cleaning services are provided Monday through Friday evenings. There is no cleaning from Saturday through Monday evening. Perhaps in the future we can adjust that schedule.

- ✓ There is a new link on the top of our Library website about resources for people facing difficult economic times.
- ✓ Mr. Franz followed up with Boiling Springs Bank. There are no minimums or fees, with a current interest rate of 1%. The auditor is coming at the end of this month and Mr. Franz will ask him about this bank's promotion that was discussed at last month's meeting.
- ✓ The NJ Library Trustee Institute, Sat. May 9th at the Marriott Hotel in Princeton. All are encouraged to attend this worthwhile and most informative event.
- ✓ The Chamber of Commerce – allowing local businesses to advertise in the Library. What issues might be involved in this? Mr. Franz would like the Board to discuss this at a future meeting. Mr. Borowski asked if there are any pressing needs that advertising would help with.
- ✓ Mr. Franz showed a flyer advertising the Library Commercial Contest. It involves a 30 second video promoting the use of the public library in conjunction with National Library Week. All videos will be posted on YouTube and voting will generate the winner. The prize will be a \$100 gift certificate sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Ms. Smith suggested putting this on the town electronic bulletin board. It's open to Hillsdale Library card holders. Ms. Hanlon suggested having it listed in "My Hillsdale", Community Life as well as distributed to the town schools.

The Friends: Mr. Weir: *The Friends* meeting was snowed out. Contributions have slowed down. Planning has begun for the summer Film Festival for 4-5 Monday nights in July with the same college professor from last year. There will be a Family Friendly night again.

New Business: None discussed

The next Library Board meeting will be on April 13, 2009. Ms. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Weir seconded. The meeting officially adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Deirdre M. Danaher
Recording Secretary