

# HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 7, 2016

*"Ed Young was in (again) and he had an idea." ~ Jacquie Weitzman*

### **Present**

Joanna Riesman (President), Joan Vaillancourt (Director), Jacqueline Preiss Weitzman (Secretary), Lauren Casper, Diana Jaeger, Barbara Morrow (Friends)

### **Minutes**

The minutes of our November 5, 2015 meeting were approved.

### **Personnel**

Sue Feir has sent in all of her paperwork and Joan is all set to work in their new capacity at the Library. Lucy Silfen took her test to qualify for longer hours. Joan Vaillancourt requested the board hold off advertising for a new children's librarian for a month to see how she fits into the director position. (From this meeting, all board members present felt it was a good fit.)

### **Money**

Budget 2016-2017: looks like we will be in good shape.

Salary adjustments were made for some part time staff to align with our new Library policy to pay at least \$15/hour to our staff. This will go into effect retroactively starting on January 4, 2016.

### **Equipment**

Joan has done in depth research to purchase the correct hardware to support our Suite of Adobe Software - Photoshop, Illustrator and Acrobat. We will be renting the software. The funds will come from our equipment line.

In addition, we will be purchasing an all-in-one computer and software for our Preserving Memories station totaling \$1,000. We would like to request the Friends to pay for it.

SOW Hastings - Heirloom Seed Library - Joan and Sue are working diligently to organize our proposed Heirloom Seed Library and accompanying programs on how to save seeds properly (for both adults as well as children.) Sue has also ordered books on heirloom seeds for reference.

### **Ed Young**

Ed Young joined us and presented his vision for reimagining the picture book room. He has short term plans for stencils to be applied to the windows with images inspired by the Jack in the Beanstalk story. A more elaborate scheme for a mobile mobile to hang from the dome is in the works, but he expects it could take up to a year to realize.

We will apply for a grant to help fund this project.

**Adult Programming**

Mah Jongg classes to resume with a new instructor. Catalogs have been ordered so players can borrow within the Library. Card tables have been ordered as well.

Senior Art Workshops are scheduled for MLK Day and President's Day.

**Children's Programs**

Three day art programs for grade school, preschool and tweens are organized for the February school break.

Origami classes will be offered by our own Juan Mota on a Saturday TBD.

Sue will put in a WLA grant for another season of fractured fairy tale programming to be run by Marie-Louise Miller.

**Library Newsletter**

Sue Feir will continue to write her popular Library newsletter but with a slight bent towards writing about books.

**Friends Report**

Dewey-on-Hudson: Cool River, Hot Issues will kick off on February 7th with a talk by Fred Charles entitled Hudson Confluence: Influences, Ideas, and Images.

We will be unable to host Evan Pritchard's exhibit on Algonquin culture due to space constraints, but he will be our fourth Dewey speaker on May 22nd.

The Giftiques were a huge success, raising over \$3,900. Leftover scarves are being donated to kids at the Hastings Rec. Center.

Our 2 Sue's spring event will be held on June 12th from 5pm-8pm.

The board continued with a discussion of how to boost Friends memberships.

**Open Meetings**

Joan provided literature on a bill that authorizes video taping of open meetings.

**Keurig for Patrons**

Supplying a Keurig machine and all the fixings for patrons was suggested by Ed Young, but the board determined this was not the best idea since it would be very labor intensive for our staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Preiss Weitzman, Secretary