

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 11, 2016

"There will be no guffawing in the quiet reading room." ~ Thom Forbes

Present

Joanna Riesman (President), Joan Vaillancourt (Director), Thom Forbes (Treasurer), Jacqueline Preiss Weitzman (Secretary), Lauren Casper, Barbara Morrow (Friends)

Minutes

The minutes of our January 7, 2015 meeting were approved.

Safety

A panic button will be installed at the front desk.

Budget

The preliminary budget was presented to Fran Frobel. He questioned our electric bill. Joan will check thermostats to make sure all is well.

Personnel

To fill the position of children's librarian we will have to follow NYS civil service law. We can switch or change positions internally, or, to get someone from the outside, we need to fill out a LJ3 form to create the position of Children's Librarian. Joan reviewed the paperwork with us and she will be filing it once it is complete.

Once we have officially created the position, we will call for the list.

Due to her excellent qualifications, inherent understanding of the Hastings-on-Hudson Public Library and its user population, excellent relationship with our staff, and overall professionalism and ability, the board had made an offer to Joan Vaillancourt to continue officially as our Director. All appropriate paperwork has been completed and her appointment is now official.

SOW Hastings - Heirloom Seed Library

The seed library should be up and running beginning March/April. A Facebook page has been created for sharing information. She met with Valerie Herman of the Somers Library who gave Joan a lot of information as well as advice for running the seed library and the name of the master gardener they use for presentations on harvesting seeds. A card catalog has been donated for the seed library. Discussion continued with thoughts about opportunities for collaborating with the Farmers' Market, Zinsser Gardens, as well as the garden at Hillside.

Adult Programs

A Senior Art Workshop on Mary Cassatt will be held on Monday, February 15th.

Mah Jongg will be offered in the spring with a new instructor from the Harrison Library.

Children's Programs

During the February vacation week we will have 3 art workshops for grade school children on Ancient Egypt, Celtic Myths and Mary Cassatt with Helen and Jackie; a preschool workshop on winter animals with Helen and Seva; and a tween workshop with Helen and Jackie on Keith Haring.

Equipment

All of the new equipment has been delivered and will be set up over the next few weeks. Joan and other members of the staff will learn how to use the new Adobe Workshops and Preserving Memories software before unveiling to the public.

Building

Valences and side panels will be installed for the black out curtains in the Orr Room.

We discussed installing a new quiet reading room next to the adult quiet reading room, since our existing quiet reading rooms are so in demand. This could be achieved cost effectively since the space can be enclosed by two glass walls. Joan will collect estimates for the work.

Friends Report

Fred Charles' Dewey-on-Hudson lecture was a huge success with an estimated 125 people in attendance. Our 2 Sue's spring event was announced, to thunderous applause.

The Above and Beyond account has been closed.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on March 10th at 9am. Our scheduled April 7th meeting will need to be rescheduled. Once a date has been set, it will be posted.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Preiss Weitzman, Secretary