

# HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 13, 2016

*On the success of the Library's adult programs: "I never knew there was a difference between Mah Jongg and Canasta." Joanna Riesman*

**Present:** Joanna Riesman (President), Joan Vaillancourt (Director), Thom Forbes (Treasurer), Lauren Casper, Diana Jaeger, Michele Ankuda (Friends of the Library).

**Minutes:** The minutes of our March 10, 2016, meeting were approved. Minutes from the last 3 years are now available to the public on the website and through a binder kept in the Library.

**Personnel:** The LJ3 forms for posting the opening for the Children's Librarian position have been submitted and approved. The list of candidates will be sent to the library (by mail) within a week or so; the process of interviewing and selecting the best candidate can begin. An appointment must be made within 60 days of receiving the list.

We need to hire a part-time clerk and need more pages to work during the summer.

**Annual Report:** The annual report has been filed with the WLS. The WLS had no questions on the report.

**Budget:** Thom and Joan participated in a Work Session on the budget. The last audit showed that the Library had a deficit of about \$4200; that can be paid from the contingency fund. If we do not spend all of the previous year's budget, any leftover money can go into a general library fund.

**New Quiet Reading Room:** Discussed proposal from Rob Masiello of Sisca Northeast for new quiet reading room. Proposal is for \$20,000; we are expecting some grant money (3k) that could be put toward the cost of the room.

**Adult Programs:**

Mah Jongg program on Mondays is popular, as is the Canasta program on Tuesdays. Another Senior Art Workshop is planned for Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

**Children's Programs:**

Summer Reading Club: Lots of activity preparing for SRC: making student folders, securing prizes, plans for workshops, including art, origami, chess. We discussed offering a Robotics program, but the equipment for the program is rather costly, so further research is needed. Joan will look into possibly sharing the cost of the equipment with the Rec Dept and also checking to see if the school is offering any robotics programs for middle-schoolers.

**Technology:** MAC is set up and being publicized. New "ThingCharger" will allow patrons to charge phones, etc. Preserving Memories equipment will be advertised in the next Library News.

Staff will be trained on using downstairs projector to run a film or to hook up a computer to the screen. Also will offer training to staff on how to download an e-book or audio book from WLS to personal devices.

**SOW Hastings** - Heirloom Seed Library is up and running.

**Use of Library Rooms:** Continued discussion of guidelines for public usage of library rooms. Final guidelines expected at next meeting.

**Friends Report:** Plans well underway for the celebration of the Two Sues on June12.

**Next Meeting:** May 12, 9am

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Jaeger (pinch hitting for Jacqueline Weitzman, Secretary)