

Hyde Park Library District  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 16, 2023

**Attendance:** President L. Ruggiero, V.P. C. Chambers, F.O. L Guynes, Secretary S. Buckley, P Agne, K. Armstrong, M. Campbell, M. Williams, Interim Director G. Callahan

**Call To Order:** 7:05 P.M.

**Introduction:** Lynn introduced Mary Williams as a newly elected Board member. A **motion** was made by Lynn and seconded by Carole to appoint Mary to complete David Ray's term of office. Motion carried unanimously.

**Previous Minutes:** A **motion** was made by Karin and seconded by Leigh to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** Sean Ray has requested to have a bench installed and inscribed in honor of his father, David Ray. The building and grounds committee will research benches and costs. Sean and his sister, Sue, will be contacted to discuss details. Lynn made a **motion**, which was seconded by Leigh, to purchase a 90 day CD with the \$100,000.00 donation from John Golden. Motion carried unanimously. A **motion** was made by Paul and seconded by Carole to allow Richard Mattocks to investigate our HVAC system and submit a grant to begin the process of applying for engineering reports and securing future grant writers. Motion carried unanimously. Lynn and Sue had their first meeting with the grant-writers, Choice Words.

**Director's Report:** In addition to his electronic submission), Greg led a discussion of library days closed vs. paid holidays. He suggested the policy committee research our current policies and propose possible changes, if necessary. We will invite Jan to come to the January Board meeting to administer the oath of office to all members. The Rotary sponsored "Cocktails for Charity" event will be held at La Catrina restaurant on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Peter Fletcher will perform on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Greg will donate half of Peter's fee and the Friends will contribute the remainder. Any donations collected that night will go the renovation account. There have been no complaints to the library concerning parking during the Town Hall construction.

**Financial Report:** We are currently at 89.4% of our budget vs. 87% at this time last year.

**Friends Report:** The Banned Book drawing will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The Holiday Book Bundle fund raiser will begin immediately after Thanksgiving. The Friends will finance a "Music of the World" concert by Mark Levy.

**Committee Reports:**

Personnel Committee: The committee has had meeting related to hiring a new Director. The classification on the Director has been changed to Director 2 so that it better represents the complexity of the work of the Director at our library. Interviews are starting.

Policy Committee: Karin met with Beth Kolp to discuss building use by outside groups. The committee plans to meet.

Building and Grounds: The front door of the main building has been painted.

AIR Committee: "Words and Music", the concert by Broadway performers, will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at the Wallace Center of the FDR Presidential site. Lynn will meet with Linda DeMaio regarding possible student performances at the concert.

**Adjournment:** A **motion** was made by Karin and seconded by Leigh to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Buckley

Board of Trustees Secretary