

Hyde Park Library District  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 21, 2023

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

**Call to Order:** 7:08 P.M.

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

**President's Report:** A **motion** was made by Lynn and seconded by Karin to appoint Danielle Hinton to the Board of Trustees. Motion passed unanimously. Our fundraiser concert will be entitled "Words and Music". This concert will be held at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Performers will include Broadway veterans, local jazz musicians and FDR High School musicians. A meet and greet time will follow. Wine and light refreshments will be served. The cost is \$150.00. Our February fundraiser event will be "Books, Bourbon, and Bacon". That will be held at Cappola's Restaurant on February 29<sup>th</sup>. The town is applying for a grant to repair the sidewalks on Main Street. They have asked us to submit a letter of support to add to their application. The "Cocktails for Charity" rotary event profit was \$5000.00 for the library renovation project. We thank the rotary for designating the library as their charity of this event. Lynn contacted Sean Ray concerning the memorial for his father. He will finalize details with his sister. In January we will have our annual reorganizational meeting. Karin and Mark will present a slate of officers.

**Director's Report:** A **motion** was made by Paul and seconded by Karin to adopt the salary increases of 4% proposed by Greg. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Officer's Report:** The total budget for 2023 was at 101%. The overage was due to capital improvements that were not included in the budget. However, they were offset by donations. The finance committee will meet to finalize the budget and close the books.

**Friends Report:** Advocacy day will be February 7<sup>th</sup>. The Friends have purchased a square credit card reader. Patrons will now be able to purchase fundraiser tickets without physically coming to the library.

**Committee Reports:**

**Personnel:** The committee has met and interviewed 3 candidates for Library Director III. One candidate is being called back for a second interview on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Board members are invited to attend on zoom if they would like to meet her. The Board is urged to submit questions before that interview. The committee is now drafting a contract.

**Education:** Both new Board members were given an orientation to the Board.

**Public Relations:** Fliers and posters will be distributed for our Words and Music fundraiser. It will also be promoted on our website and facebook. We have purchased ads in the Northern Dutchess News

which will be published Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, Jan 17<sup>h</sup>, and Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. We will also try to have notifications on local radio stations.

**New Business:** A discussion was held concerning holiday closures, both paid and unpaid. The policy committee will present proposals in January.

**Adjournment:** A **motion** was made by Karin and seconded by Leigh to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Buckley

Secretary