



**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
April 20, 2021

Present on Zoom Call Due to COVID-19

Lauren Casper (President), Joanna Riesman (Treasurer), Jacqueline Weitzman (Secretary), Tim Donahue, Peter Swiderski, Debbie Quinn (Director), Michele Ankuda (Friends)

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the March 23rd meeting were approved.

Day-to-Day During the Pandemic

As of April 16th, books are no longer held in quarantine. The staff is grateful.

Debbie held a full staff meeting two weeks ago. All staff members will be fully vaccinated by April 30, 2021. Plans are being made to open the Library for in-person browsing starting May 3rd. The deck will be made available by appointment.

Contactless book pick-up on the cart in the vestibule will still be available. An updated newsletter to distribute with checked-out books is in the works.

Debbie is anticipating inside computer use as well as seating could be possible by the 6th or 7th of June, after the Book Sale on June 5th.

Juan created another window display for both Earth Day and Poetry Month.

Some libraries have begun collecting fines. This was discussed, but the board made no decisions as to when we will begin collecting fines again.

WLS will begin to foot the bill for digital magazines.

Personnel

The proposed updated Personnel Policy was discussed but further discussion is needed and will be reviewed at our next meeting.

Vacation will roll over to December for staff members who were unable to take vacation due to the pandemic.

The children's librarian position was discussed, as well as continued clarification of the civil service list.

Programming

The second Read, Watch, Discuss event was held on April 7th, focusing on both the book and film, *84 Charing Cross Road*. It was well attended. Next up on June 9th: "The Philadelphia Story" and both movies based on that play: "The Philadelphia Story" (1940) and the musical "High Society" (1956).

The fourth Dewey, led by the directors of Broadway Training Center, was a wonderful program but sparsely attended. Sharon proved, once again, what a masterful moderator she is.

On April 28th Tim will be leading a discussion Inaugural Poems. He will be joined by his former colleague, historian Jim Cullen.

Stories That Speak will begin again, in person outside, weather permitted.

Nora's children's programs will end on May 5th, with plans to resume in June in person.

The final 4th-6th Grade Book Club meeting will be held on May 4th.

Facilities

The recent work on the bathrooms has been paid in full. New countertops are still needed.

We need the Village to do an engineering report of our building, which they own, in order for us to prepare our long-term plan.

We are still awaiting an RFP to address the problem with the exterior stucco.

Website

Peter feels that the quote from Fernanda and Meghan is reasonable for monitoring our website weekly in order to maintain it safely and correctly. He also feels like this fee should be part of the budget.

Next Meeting

Our next remote meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 18th at 4:30pm.