



**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 15, 2021**

Present

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

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May 18th meeting were approved.

Day-to-Day As the Library Opens Up

Traffic has been steady in the Library with masked browsing.

Debbie would like to re-open the Library in full on July 6th after all of the books from the Used Book Sale have been removed. The sale is scheduled to end on June 25th, but the Library will need a deep cleaning and the cameras for the Library need to be transferred to the circulation desk. Members of the board asked if the Library could be opened sooner.

Masks will continue to be required for patrons considering the fact that the Library hosts children who are unvaccinated and at risk.

With the re-opening, Debbie proposes making the computers available for use for an hour a day. All of the computers will not be available to allow for social distancing.

The windows currently display a memorial to former trustee Dan Frank, as well as books celebrating Pride Month.

Personnel

Debbie presented the new personnel policy to the staff.

The children's librarian position was discussed again, as well as the search for a summer library intern.

Salary increases will be discussed at this evening's Village Board meeting, so Debbie will hold on to our staff raises to see what happens.

Programming

The June 9th Read, Watch, Discuss was cancelled due to low registration – reminders were not sent out. The program will resume in the fall.

Martha Polstein read at this morning's Stories That Speak.

The June 3rd Book Ya Ya with Maya Shanbhag Lang and NY Times best-selling author Christie Tate about her new memoir, *Group: How One Therapist and a Circle of Strangers Saved My Life* was presented by us, along with the Dobbs Ferry, and Irvington Public Libraries.

The second meeting of the Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, and Croton libraries' Rivertowns Book Club on June 10th was well attended. The group is discussing *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning*.

Naturalist Greg Rosen will be presenting a summer program for 7-12 year olds entitled, Storylining: Making Maps with Greg Rosen. There will be five sessions with a different theme each week. Registration will be required.

Helen and Jackie will do a few programs this summer for different age groups, exploring the art of Eric Carle, Manga, Star Wars, Jackson Pollack, etc.

Nora's children's programs, Let's Pretend and Telling Tales, will run from June 30th to August 4th. She will hold sessions on Facebook Live when the weather is bad.

For the Summer Reading Program, Tales and Tails, Debbie will create a folder for each child who shows interest in the program, versus creating a folder for every child in the schools ahead of time as has been done in the past.

Bob McKinnon will be filmed by CBS reading his new book, *Three Little Engines*, in Fulton Park on July 10th. The community will be invited to attend. Debbie would like to do a program in the fall with Bob reading his new book, Pamela Paul reading *Rectangle Time*, and Dawn Masi reading *G My Name is Girl*.

Jeanne will be holding knitting classes for kids this summer.

Mike and Sue Feir are creating a summer reading program for adults entitled Adult Reading Game: Around the World in 88 Days. Books have been chosen from each

continent to be read over the course of 12 weeks. Participants will be included in a raffle to receive a Downtown Dollar\$ card.

Facilities

The RFP for the roof and stuccowork has still not been sent out yet.

Donald Brown gave a \$4,200 estimate to replace two of the four skylight domes that are leaking. This work is part of the scope of the roof project, so Mary Beth will see if the domes can be caulked as a stopgap measure.

The estimate Raf gave us for the new phone system is part of a Westchester County contract that has already been negotiated with Light Path and therefore is probably the best price we can expect. The board agreed to go ahead with the work.

Website

Megan was able to make some updates to the website while Nicole was on vacation.

Friends

There are still an enormous number of books leftover from the Used Book Sale. Although the day of the sale was brutally hot, the Friends made over \$2,000. Debbie has contacted Better World Books to take the leftover books. They provide free shipping and boxes.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 13th at 4:30pm. *

*This meeting has been rescheduled for July 21st due to scheduling conflicts.