



**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
October 13, 2021

**Present**

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

**Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the September 14th meeting were approved.

**Personnel**

Debbie sent out 15 canvas letters for a new Librarian 1 position with a reply date of October 18<sup>th</sup>. Expectations include working evenings and weekends, with primary responsibilities being for children and teens.

Debbie needs to compile a list of available substitute “roaming” clerks.

Debbie will be checking with the Village Manager to determine if it should be considered paid leave or sick time if an employee who shows COVID-like symptoms is asked to be tested before coming in to work.

**Programming**

Tanya Rynders of the local Girl Scouts was present at the meeting. Her request to be able to meet with her troop indoors and in person at the Library was approved. All attendees will be masked and practice social distancing, and the doors will be kept open to provide ventilation.

Elizabeth Knight's program on her book, *Repair Revolution*, was terrific and Debbie received very nice feedback.

The October 2<sup>nd</sup> local children's book authors program with Bob McKinnon, Pamela Paul, Dawn Masi, and Marie Bourdain was a huge success.

Nora's Let's Pretend program has been getting crowds.

Jeanne will be hosting the Linus Knitters in the Orr Room on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. All attendees will need to show proof of vaccination, wear masks, and maintain social distance.

Tim's group exploring George Saunders' *A Swim in a Pond in the Rain* will have their first meeting this evening.

Mike's new non-fiction book club, Keep It Real, will have their first in-person meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. They will be discussing Pete Hamill's *Downtown*, Bill Bryson's *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid*, and Erik Larson's *Devil in the White City*.

In conjunction with the Hastings Conservation Commission, the Library will be presenting the film *Idle Threat* via Zoom on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Host Tim Donahue will be joined by the subject of the film, George Pakenham, for a discussion of the film at 8:15pm. This is the first of a three part series with the Conservation Commission to also include discussion of Jason Hickel's *Less is More: How De-growth Will Save the World*, and Louise Mullen discussing anti-leaf blower movement.

Helen, Jackie, and Seva will be hosting a program for Halloween.

Amanda Kupillas will be renting the Orr Room to present *The Nutcracker* on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Her students will be performing in small groups of six.

### **Facilities**

A second training has been scheduled with Light Path to help understand the new phones and to iron out all the kinks. A project manager will be arriving on site to review the issues with the system as well as hopefully take care of the two phones that have yet to be installed.

The construction work on the Library will be combined with the work needed at Village Hall. Lisa and Peter Easton of Easton Group Architects are putting together a comprehensive plan.

Plants are growing out of the bulkhead where water is trapped, and could also be an indication of mold.

We will have the chiller reviewed by an engineer to give us an indication of expected lifespan. DP Wolfe gave us an estimate of \$8,000 for the current work needed on the chiller.

We have been awarded \$88,256 for the roof work. It will be important that the scope of the work be the same as we presented in our grant application.

We have been unofficially awarded a \$17,000 grant (WLS provides half) for the water bottle re-fill stations, automatic faucets and countertop replacement in the bathrooms. Rob Masiello will do the work.

### **Website**

The website continues to crash periodically. Mike from WLS and our technician Megan have been talking to determine the cause of the problem.

We will need to find a new host – WLS will discontinue as our host by December 2022. Debbie has been talking to other libraries to find out what they do. Dobbs is also still hosted by WLS. Megan likes Flywheel.

### **Friends**

The Friends have been manning a table at the Farmers Market to inform people of what they do and handing out coupons for free children's books from the store.

The annual Giftique will be on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.