



**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
December 7, 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 November 9th meeting were approved.

General

The Library has been very busy with a steady flow of patrons. The quiet rooms are booked.

We will be opening again on Sundays, 1-5pm, starting on January 9, 2022.

Personnel

We are awaiting the list for a Librarian 1/Children's Services position.

There has been some movement on the salary increases from the Village, but nothing official has come through.

Programming

Nora's popular children's programs have one more session for the year and will resume in January.

Girls Who Code also has one more session, and hopefully will resume in March or April.

Helen and Seva will present a Winter in the Hudson Valley art program on December 15th.

Mike's new non-fiction book club, Keeping It Real, had its first meeting on November 19th when they discussed Pete Hamill's *Downtown*. Next up is Bill Bryson's *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* on December 17th.

The Hastings Conservation Commission program in conjunction with the Library, a discussion of Jason Hickel's *Less is More: How Degrowth Will Save the World* on December 2nd between Roy Blumenthal and Tim Donahue, was very interesting.

Upcoming programs in the works are: exploring My Adirondack Story; Kate Tolson and the seed project; Fred Charles and Andrew Bordwin presenting on the Battle of Edgars Lane installation; Emma Snyder discussing her short film on the 1970 shutdown of the Lincoln Hospital; and Frank Silverstein discussing his short film *Lousy* with a panel of experts on dementia.

Facilities

There have been some computer glitches with the installation of Windows 10.0, but WLS has been very responsive and they are on it. We are not the only Library experiencing problems.

There is a bit of progress on the roof project.

Nick Brown took a look at the leak in the Orr Room and he determined that the caulking work his company had done was sound but that the leak may be caused by water trapped between the tiles of the roof deck and the roof. Rob Masiello will be coming by next week to take a look at it.

Debbie will be getting another estimate for new carpeting for the Barnes Room.

Website

Our website has continued to crash periodically. Raf has been looking into Network Solutions, the company the Village uses to host their website, but Megan interviewed Flywheel, and they have no problem hosting our site for \$140/year. Megan is very comfortable with them, and since she maintains our website and is very responsive, the board voted to go ahead and contract with Flywheel, a company Megan calls "awesome in all aspects."

Friends

The Friends have requested that the board join them in sending out an email to the Friends' mailing list to enlist support for state legislation addressing current e-book

publishers' practices unfairly limiting availability of e-books to public libraries and charging libraries exorbitant fees.

Items for the Giftique are piling up in the Orr Room. Set-up and pricing will be on Friday evening, December 10th, and the sale will be held on Saturday, December 11th. Raffle ticket sales are going well and the Knitting Club has also donated many lovely items.

Next Meeting

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