



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 24, 2024

Present

Jacqueline Preiss Weitzman (Secretary), Tim Donahue, Lauren Links, Debbie Quinn (Director), Joanna Riesman (Friends)

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the July 23rd meeting were approved.

Day-to-Day Operations

Early voting will begin at the library on Saturday, October 26th and end on Sunday, November 3rd. Debbie will be in touch with the daily schedule and requests for volunteers to represent the library during regularly closed hours.

We resumed fall/winter hours on September 3rd. People are slowly getting used to the new schedule again.

The Friends' Used Book Sale moved upstairs on September 15th and remained until September 23rd. The Friends worked tirelessly in vetting, sorting, schlepping, and selling books. The take-down operation was a team of about six people, and it was a massive amount of work done with dedication and good spirits. Debbie remarked that our Hastings Friends are truly an amazing bunch of women (and one man - Spike!)

WLS has sent us their Service Level Agreement (SLA) for 2025. Our cost is \$51, 240, an increase of \$4,315 over 2024. The bulk of the increase (\$2,604) is for Digital Content Cost—electronic content for patron use (ECPU).

Personnel

Jeanne returned to work a few weeks ago after a five-month leave. Her husband is improving but has a way to go. As of now, she is working 14 hours a week instead of her usual 21 hours. She is salaried so HR is adjusting the payroll so she will be paid hourly until she is able to go back on her usual 21 hours-a-week schedule.

The Village has arranged for another Implicit Bias Training for all staff during October. It is an in-person, three-hour commitment, and will take place in Tarrytown. We have a schedule of when everyone is going.

Programming

Our first event in the Local Luminaries series was last night. Tim's brother, Bill Donahue, gave a terrific book talk on *Unbound: Unforgettable True Stories from the World of Endurance Sports*. Next will be Rick Dresser on October 17th and Janine Annett on October 24th.

The Village Senior Council has worked hard to put together a program for Seniors on Thursday, September 26th. There will be games and cards at the Community Center, discounts for seniors at local stores and restaurants, and there will be pizza and a showing of *Casablanca* at the library.

Keeping It Real book club met last week to discuss *The Boys in the Boat*. Mike has a group of ten who regularly attend each month. They have chosen *The Power Broker* by Robert Caro for their next book. They will probably break it into two meetings since it is so massive.

Ukulele lessons for adults started last night. Mike said it was terrific. It runs for three sessions and eight people have signed up.

Jeanne's knitting circle continued to meet while she was out, but they are delighted to have her back. They held a Project Linus meeting last Sunday.

The Ringston-Ward Duo will be back at the library on Sunday at 3:00 pm for their program entitled "Roots and Reflections." It is a classical flute and guitar chamber music program exhibiting interpretations of folk and traditional music.

Regina is running a program on Saturday, October 4th in conjunction with Lenoir Preserve and a representative from the Hudson Valley Audubon Society, Michael Bochnik. Patrons are invited to a hawk watch at 10:00 am at Lenoir. Then, at 1:00 pm, she will stream a movie called *Flyways* about migratory birds' flight paths. There will be a Q&A after the movie that Michael Bochnik will run.

There will be a Senior Art Workshop with Emily Denise featuring landscapes on October 18th. A light breakfast will be served.

Team Hastings will head to Battle of the Books in Ossining on Saturday, October 26th. Allee has a team of eight dedicated 5th and 6th graders. Go Team Hastings!

Graphic Novel Book Club will be held on the second Wednesday of each month for grades 2 to 4 from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Pumpkin Painting will be held on Wednesday, October 16th from 5-5:45 pm for ages 7 to 11.

Allee has switched things up now that Let's Pretend is not a weekly program.

- A babies and toddlers clothing swap is tomorrow from 1:00-1:30 pm. This is an experiment.
- Fingerplay Fun! Will meet regularly on Wednesdays from 1:30-2:00 pm in the Picture Book Room. This is recommended for ages 10 months to 2 years.
- Toddler Time with Allee will be held on Mondays from 11:30 am -12:00 pm.
- Giggleshump Storytime with Richard and Wynn (his puppet) for ages 10 months to 4 years will be held on the third Thursday of each month from 1:00-1:30 pm.
- Music Time with Adam Hart for ages 10 months to 5 years will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 10:45 -11:15 am.
- Fiesta with Flor, a bilingual music program, will be held on the third Friday of each month from 10:30-11:00 am.
- Toddler Yoga with Pooja will be held on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:30-11:00 am for ages 2 to 5.

Facilities

PTG has started the restoration/repair work on the exterior of the building. There are times that they are using something that sounds like a dentist's drill, but the work hasn't been too disruptive. PTG has not given us a timeline, as the work will depend on if they discover any problems along the way.

Before starting the work, PTG said that the seams around the perimeter of the roof were coming away from the edge of the building. Debbie contacted the roofer, MCAS, and he said this was normal and he sent a crew to fix it. On Thursday, September 19th, Lou from PTG sent a photo of the perimeter of the roof that had been patched. He also said, "I believe this is going to be an ongoing problem for this building. With expansion and contraction this will continue to separate and cause water infiltration. And in turn future damage to the structure below. The gravel roof with the SBS roofing material wrapping the drip edge being held in place with roofing cement is a pour design. Perhaps they can come up with a way to mechanically fasten it, but either way it's a bad detail. Building should have had a different roofing system, EPDM or TPO with no gravel would have lasted longer and you would not have the growth and maintenance issues." I contacted MCAS and asked them to come at a time that Buddy and Lou from PTG could be here. Countless emails ensued with Buddy, Mike from MCAS, and then Russ Watsky, the roofing consultant on the job, weighed in. They will all meet on the roof on Friday along with a rep from the company that approved all the work that had been done.

Carpet tiles behind the Circ Desk were scheduled to be installed this Thursday but installation has been changed to Thursday, October 3rd.

Debbie received an estimate from Nicole Interior Designs to reupholster four club chairs and two (or possibly three) side chairs. The cost is \$4,680. It is a lot of money, but these chairs have held up for 22 years, are still solid and nice looking and have many good years ahead of them. Nicole has reupholstered different pieces in the library for years.

Though still disappointed that new carpeting doesn't fall under the category of Capital Projects for budget money from NYS, Debbie has identified a number of important projects we hope will be eligible for funding:

- **Windows** that can be opened in the top panel of the picture book room as well as in the director's office
- **Library signage** to be moved or replaced so that the library's name is visible on the building. Presently, the lettering is totally blocked by two large holly trees. A landscaper told us it wouldn't work to prune them, but that is still questionable.
- A Mitsubishi unit for the Barnes Room, which currently has no direct AC or heating and relies on hot or cold air coming in from the hallway. Debbie will get an estimate from DP Wolff for the cost.
- **The walkway** to the downstairs entrance is not in the best shape. Technically, the Village should be responsible for this; however, we could include it in the list we send to Mary Jane Shinsky.

Unofficially, we are being awarded money for solar panels on the roof through the NYS Library Construction grant for FY 2023-24. Official notice will come out on October 1st.

In addition, the WLS Library Construction Grant Committee has approved our request for half the cost of the current exterior restoration work (\$48,000). It now goes to Albany and must be approved by them.

Friends

The Used Book Sale was a huge success, both monetarily and for the community. The total earnings were \$5,043. In 2023, earnings were \$5,601 and in 2022, \$4,463.

Holding the Used Book Sale indoors works very well, but the friends will brainstorm how to attract stronger (younger?) backs for moving all those books.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 29th at 7pm.