



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

November 21, 2024

Approved Minutes

### **Present**

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the October 29th meeting were approved.

### **Board Business**

Before beginning our meeting, the members of the board gave a toast of gratitude to outgoing board president Lauren Casper, thanking her for her many years of service to our library and community. She has indeed gone above and beyond.

### **Day-to-Day Operations**

The Covid partition has been removed from around the Circulation Desk. PTG came on Wednesday to remove the partition, except for around the corner low desk. The partition was secured with metal strips and screws at the top and 3M double-sided tape on the countertop, so two men spent about two hours working carefully with Goo Gone and a plastic scraper to ensure they didn't scratch the countertop. The plexiglass partitions are being stored in the Telecommunications Room. We hope we will never need them again.

Study Rooms and the back of library are in constant use. With all the sunny fall weather, we have had fewer children in the picture book room in the mornings, but they are still showing up for programs.

### **Adult Programs**

Mahjong has a steady following now of about seven to ten people, and knitting continues at a steady pace. The knitters will be donating some of their work to the Giftique again this year.

Senior Art Workshop with Emily Denise took place on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in the Barnes Room, and students also went outside. With this change in venue, the artists had a slightly different view than they usually do from the Orr Room. It is a very popular and always full class.

Nick van Hoogstraten, author of *Broadway Poster Art, 1945-1969*, had a book talk along with a slide show on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone seemed to enjoy the stories that he told of the shows and their posters from the book. There were about 50 to 60 people in attendance. There were some technical difficulties for a range of reasons, and Debbie has made a request that the Friends purchase a designated laptop for Orr Room presentations to ensure this doesn't happen again.

On Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, Tarry Hum and her husband Robert Sanborn, along with the Senior Council, streamed the movie *Keys Bags Names Words*. It is a powerful film about dementia and Alzheimer's and showcased some wonderful programs from around the world that help both people with dementia as well as their care givers. The Q&A that followed was with Lauren Taylor, a social worker, and Sandy Selikson, an MD specializing in Geriatrics. It was attended by about 65-75 people, and Polly Bijur is going to compile a list of resources to send to those people who left their names and email addresses for this purpose. With this overwhelming interest, additional programs, such as a memory café and oral histories, will be developed to hold at the library.

For the Senior Council's second Senior Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, the library hosted the movie *An Affair to Remember*. There were about ten people in attendance. The next Senior Thursday is scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup> and the movie will be *Turn Every Page*, a conversation between Robert Caro and his editor Robert Gottlieb. We will have Robert Caro's books on display as well.

### **Children's Programs**

Allee is continuing to try out many varied programs: Music Time with Adam Hart, Giggleshump Puppet Storytime, Toddler Yoga with Pooja, and Fiesta with Flor. Each of these programs is scheduled for every third week. Allee is going to stick with this schedule for now, but she might need to make the scheduling more regular to assist busy caregivers.

There is a new Lego Club meeting on the first Wednesday of the month for grades K through 3.

There is a Graphic Novel Book Club for grades 2 - 4, a book club for grades 8 - 9, and she'll be re-starting a book club for grades 5 - 7 in the new year.

Amy Cazes reached out to Allee and asked if they could meet to talk about kids reading outside of school. They met yesterday and sort of brainstormed about how to get kids to read more. Amy said that about 40% of kids at Hillside are solid readers and always have a book going at home; 40% are somewhat reluctant

readers and really need to be coaxed/encouraged to read; 20% do not read outside of the classroom. She mentioned that the person running the Hillside Library is not a librarian.

### **Upcoming Programs**

The Keeping it Real Book Club will meet Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss Patti Smith's *M Train*.

The Intermediate Ukelele Class starts up on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for three sessions through December 16<sup>th</sup>.

The next Local Luminaries will be on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Tim has invited Melanie Hoopes and JT Rogers (author of *Oslo*, which won the Tony for Best Play in 2017) to talk about how a project goes from concept to execution. They plan to talk about how their scripts evolve and will have actors do a few readings.

Another Local Luminaries will be presented on January 16<sup>th</sup> with Colin McGrath and Roy Blumenfeld. They will talk about "Old Time String Music of Appalachia" which they play together with the Rivertowns Ramblers. They will play banjo and guitar and will probably bring a fiddler to give us a taste of this genre.

Vicky Bugbee is streaming her movie *Out of State: A Gothic Romance* on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. It will be followed by a Q&A led by Vicky, some cast and crew members, and possibly the composer of some of the music from the movie.

Dan Belasco from the Cropsey will present on Women Artists on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Regina has contacted Danielle DeSouza, a former library page to present in February during Black History month. She also contacted MaryJane Shimsky, our district's representative in the State Assembly, to speak during Women's History month in March.

### **Facilities**

Armstead Landscapers took down the holly tree in front of the library so the Hastings-on-Hudson Public Library sign is now fully viewable. They also pruned a lot of trees from the south end of the parking lot to the end of our deck. Debbie asked if they could prune everything to the north end of the lot, but they were told it wasn't in the budget this go around.

MCAS Roofing was supposed to send a crew this week to secure the flashing on the perimeter of the roof and seal it with liquid flashing, but they were a no show. Debbie sent an email today and asked when they will be here. Now that we are getting rain, they really need to correct the issue.

There was a leak in the downstairs bathroom from the sink. There was a hole in the pipe of about an inch. When the plumber was installing a new piece, another pipe broke, and he had to replace that as well.

Debbie talked to Raf about her lack of the ILS on her PC. He said the VPN tunnel is not as easy as everyone thinks it is. He is attempting to see if there is some software he could use to connect her PC to Evergreen. If there isn't, his solution seems overly complicated to Debbie. If the software doesn't pan out, she feels it would be much easier for her to have a computer from WLS and connect through their network like the rest of the library. This would be an added cost to our annual Service Level Agreement with WLS but might be necessary.

### **Friends**

The Friends' Annual Giftique is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>.

The topic for this season's Gamut lecture series will be from short story to film. Details to follow.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 7th at 7pm.