

**Hillsdale Community Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes for April 19, 2017**

Meeting called to order by President Mark Maier

Roll Call: Mark Maier, Darryl Hart, Jean Nolan, Melissa Holm and Rickie Freeman

Guests: Leslie Warren and Debbie Reister

Approval of the agenda: Approved

Approval of the Board Minutes of the March, 2017 meeting: minutes were not available

Reports: Regular reports were not available due to the absence of a director. Mark assumed that position for the meeting. Leslie said that things have been going well. She has had about 60 kids at the children's programs. Lego Club is meeting twice a month with good success and she has started up I Spy again. She has applied for the Dollar General grant for STEAMPunks and is ready for the summer reading program. She said the staff is all working together to get things done. Leslie is currently the only full-time employee.

(Director's Report): Mark said that a city-wide audit of technology is taking place and that this could mean significant changes and costs for us. We will have to wait and see what their recommendations are. Phone services will be part of this package. Legally Mark would be considered our interim director because he holds the certification. He is meeting with the appropriate people to make sure finances and the new hiring take place. He has made himself available to the staff when they have questions.

Old Business: The paint job was awarded to Steve the Painter and he has already received payment and been out to look at the job. Mark said he has seen the copy of the job description and bid but nothing of a timeline for completion.

New Business: Mark posted the director's position with the Michigan Library Association and a few other websites. He set the deadline for applications at the end of April but plans to extend it to May 18. He sent everyone the resumes for the two current candidates but would like to have a few more before starting interviews. He received a lot of information from Dan Knoch about the previous director search to help us with the selection process. We really need to find someone with a good certification.

Visitors' Comments: Debbie Reister shared the frustration of the MRC with the lack of communication from the city regarding their financial status. They would like some clarification about their relationship with us and to foster a closer working relationship. They hope the new director will be conciliatory towards their work.

Board Comments: None

Adjournment : adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully submitted by Rickie Freeman