

Hillsdale Community Library Board of Trustees Minutes for October 10, 2019

Present: Karen Hill, Rickie Freeman, Jim Bowen, Mary Hill (Director), Vickie Lee (Children's Librarian).

Absent: Mark Maier, Daryl Hart

Approval of Agenda with addition under New Business: New Library Card Replacement Fee. Motion – Rickie, Seconded- Karen, Motion passed

Approval of Minutes: Motion Karen, Seconded Rickie, Motion passed

Reports

Financial: Mary reported on current budget year and provided report for last fiscal year. We won't know about State Aid until the State budget is approved.

Library Statistics: Latin is the most used in our subscription to Mango Languages. Jim questioned decrease in circulation. Our Overdrive circulation is a separate line. Our library continues to have an average of 4000 patrons per month. Mary provided MEL and Visiting Patron statistics.

Programs: Mary introduced our new Writers Group, and told how they were bringing Authors to the library for book signings. Sierra continues to sell some of our donations on Amazon. Vickie spoke about author Joe Grimm who will be here in November. She also explained the new tutoring program.

Director's report: Lisa Roberts was hired to replace Joyce Spaulding.

Old Business: Vickie and Mary have an appointment with local attorney Steve Dix to file paperwork for 501c3.

New Business:

Formation of Friends Group. The staff will serve as officers on the newly formed Friends of Hillsdale Library. The dues have been set at \$10. Per calendar year. The board was encouraged to join.

Pricing of non-resident Library Cards. Currently City of Hillsdale residents pay \$36. Per year for the library. It was agreed to raise the price on non-resident cards to \$40. Per year. Motion Karen, seconded by Rickie, Motion passed effective January 1, 2020.

State of Michigan Library funding comparisons. Mary passed out copies of State Aid report to board members.

New Library Cards were introduced to the library board. The card now has the option of a key card. Motion to increase the card price to \$3.50 to cover price of library cards, effective October 14, 2019. Motion by Rickie, seconded by Karen, motion passed.

Minutes by Vickie Lee

Next meeting 12/12/19