

Hillsdale Community Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Mark Maier

Present: Director LeAnn Beckwith, Rickie Freeman, Karen Hill, Mark Maier, Jean Nolan, Lauren Clough and Kristen Finnegan

Absent: None

Lauren talked about the slate of activities for the summer. The theme is “Every Hero Has a Story.” The kick-off, on June 12, will be tied into the Ladies Beatification League’s Train mural. Lauren will read I Love Trains. There will be trains on display in the library during the month. There will be large vehicles including a cement truck, fire truck, ambulance, garbage truck and tractor in the parking lot for the kids to enjoy on Big Truck Day. Other summer activities include a magician, the play “Robin Hood,” Reptile Jones, and Reader Dog (reading to a therapy dog). The first 75 kids to register for the reading program get bags that include the reading log, a bookmark, pencil, mask and Udder Bucks. The Lego Club has been attracting 30-40 kids and will continue through the summer.

Kristen said McDonalds has given some donations for adults. Coney’s and Swirls is offering coupons for a medium cone for the price of a small one. More prizes are being sought for the adult programs. She is pushing Café Color and has some ideas to promote a story wall of heroes. Karen thanked Lauren and Kristen for their presentation to the Women’s Club.

Approval of the agenda: Accepted as presented

Approval of the Board Minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting: Accepted as presented

Reports:

Circulation: 3,438 for April, Overdrive: 365 (It was 254 in 2014)

Internet: 1063 logins for 615 hours.

Web Page: 2,332 views

Door Count: 5,385 people entered the library in April

Programs: 337 people at 12 events for kids- 74 at Story time; 14 teens at Making Stuff; 143 in 4 visits; 32 at Lego Club; 74 at a community baby shower 47 people at 12 adult events:- 4 at Café Color; 36 at 4 yoga classes; 7 at individual computer classes

Financial: Director Beckwith said that since the proposal to increase the sales tax did not pass some funds from penal fines may be withdrawn from the library. However, we are still on track to pay off the debt in July.

Communications: MRC minutes were received.

Director's Report: We received notice of the Endowment fund being \$1397.00. Checks were received from Hillsdale and Jefferson Townships. The Disabilities Connection Group awarded the library with the disability accessible business certificate. The grant for the summer reading program was turned down but then LeAnn was told they might look at it again. The mobile hotspot program LeAnn mentioned last month is not worth pursuing on our own. She will check if the whole Woodlands Coop would be interested.

Old Business: Darryl Hart's application has been submitted and should be approved soon. Members of a Few Good Men will be available to work on maintenance issues during the summer but a walk through to evaluate the needs has not yet happened. Mark has some contacts who could assist us in this work. The budget still has not been approved.

New Business: We need to evaluate LeAnn. Mark e-mailed evaluation forms during the meeting since not everyone had received an earlier copy. We went over the setup so everyone would answer the same way. Everyone should fill out the evaluation and return it before the next meeting. At a future date we need to determine some goal setting for the director.

Visitors' Comments: None

Board Comments: None

Adjournment: 8:05

Respectfully submitted by Rickie Freeman