

Minutes
Hillsdale Community Library Board of Trustees
June 9, 2022 | 6 pm | HCL Meeting Room

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:02pm

II. ROLL CALL

1. Karen Hill (VP, acting President), Jim Bowen (Trustee), George Allen (Trustee)
2. In the absence of the Secretary, the Minutes were taken by Allen.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Report of summer reading program moved up before Visitor Comment; items A and B under New Business moved to Old Business, and determined that no further discussion of those items would take place at this time; determined that letters be read under Visitor Comment rather than Communications.
2. Bowen moved that the agenda be amended as stated above, Allen seconded, motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of May 20
 - Bowen and Hill provided a list of suggested edits to their own remarks, as well as the remarks of the Director and City Attorney. Will share those suggested edits with the Secretary before minutes are published.
 - Clarified that the subcommittee was established in order to produce a procedure for changes to policy, not in order to consider materials selection. Minutes should be adjusted accordingly.
2. Minutes of May 26
 - Clarified temporary role of LeAnne Rumler – she will be volunteering at the library but will not be assuming the role of Interim Director. Furthermore, this information was not actually shared at the May 26 meeting, and should therefore not be included in the minutes of that meeting.
 - Minutes should note the attendance of Tom Thompson, City Attorney.
 - Bowen requested edits to his remarks at that meeting, which will be shared with the Secretary.
 - Board agreed that under Communication the Minutes should link to reports shared by the Director under that item.
 - Hill requests edits to the item accepting the Director's resignation, to be shared with the Secretary.
3. Allen moved that the above edits be made to the minutes of those two meetings before they are published, Bowen seconded, motion carried.

V. Summer Reading

1. Lauren Jones, Children's Librarian, described events for the summer reading program, including family movie night, virtual Toledo Zoo visit, Touch a Truck, waterslide party; tracking via online reading logs; noted prize donations from McDonald's, Cottage Inn, Silos Fun Park, The Finish Line, Dairy Queen.

VI. VISITOR COMMENTS

1. Public comment from Tracy Fowler, Dr. Joshua Fincher, Penny Jansen, Jaminda Springer, Ted Jansen, and Dennis Wainscott.
2. Letters from Autumn Smith, Gayle Seely, Peggy Gillen, Anne MacRitchie O'Day, Martha MacRitchie, Brian MacRitchie, Lynn MacRitchie.

VII. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Bowen moved to accept income and expenses reports as presented, Allen seconded, motion carried.

VIII. [CIRCULATION REPORT](#)

IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. [Program Stats](#) - Karen Hill presented latest Program Stats report.
2. Other Information - Lauren Jones has agreed to stay on as Children's Librarian.

X. COMMUNICATION

1. Woodlands Library Cooperative Report – none at this time
2. Grants – departing Director has forwarded the information regarding next steps with current grants; Karen Hill will work with staff on completing paperwork.
3. Policy Committee Updates – Allen described the [Amending Policy Proposal](#) as drafted, moved that it be adopted, Bowen seconded, motion carried.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Director Review Procedures – no discussion
2. Materials Selection & Book Displays – no discussion

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Director Applicants & Interim Director
 - LeAnne Rumler working only as a part-time volunteer, not assuming title of Interim Director.
 - Allen strongly encouraged Board to consider application of Joyce Gendron.
 - Hill asked if the Board should have a cut-off date for accepting applications; no date set for now.
 - Bowen suggested the Board schedule a follow-up meeting dedicated to considering applications received so far.
 - Board still needs access to Indeed applications, must communicate with City.
2. Volunteer Interest
 - Allen encouraged the Board to speak with staff regarding what tasks could be performed by community volunteers.
3. Library Board Emails
 - Allen requested that Bowen draft a standard email address for Board members to use for Board business and for receiving official communications.
4. Board Applications
 - Mayor Stockford had informed the Board prior to the meeting that he had already selected the Board applicant whom he intends to appoint.
 - Hill noted that the Mayor appointing an applicant without consulting the Board is a break from (unwritten) precedent, and moved that the Board submit its own selection regardless.
 - Hill stressed that the purpose of the Board's selection would be to provide an alternative candidate in case, for whatever reason, the Mayor's choice was not approved by the City Council.
 - Hill and Bowen supported the application of Voorheis.
 - Allen stated that he was not comfortable with publicly contradicting the mayor's decision in this matter and would therefore vote against the motion, although he would have supported the application of Springer.
 - Motion carried 2 to 1, with Allen voting against.
5. Board Resignation
 - Hill announced former Board President Scott Cress's resignation.

XIII. BOARD COMMENTS

1. Hill read oath of office taken by Board appointees.
2. Bowen thanked all the Board applicants, and expressed his regrets regarding Cress's resignation.
3. Allen announced his intention to engage in an ongoing review and revision of the library manual and by-laws.

XIV. NEXT MEETING DATE on July 14th at 6pm

XV. ADJOURNMENT at 7:24pm

minutes submitted by George Allen, Trustee

06.13.22