March 31, 2014

The March 31, 2014 Meeting of the Hudson Falls Free Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:10 PM by Board President Michael Herman.

Library Trustees present: Arlene Baker, Linda Kennedy, Kathy Thompson, LesterLosaw, Michael Herman, Mary Ann Stevens and Library Director Sarah Cordts. Trustee Michael Mercure was absent.

Minutes from the March 3, 2014 meeting were read and a motion to accept was made by Kathy Thompson, seconded by Linda Kennedy and all trustees present voted in favor and motion carried.

Lester Losaw submitted the Treasurer’s Report. As of 3/31/14 our Receipts were $41,989.86 and Expenses total $20,667.73. Balance in checking is $21,322.13 and our balance in savings remains at $1,063.01.

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report was made by Arlene Baker, seconded by Ann Francato, all trustees present voted in favor and motion carried.

Director’s Report was given by Library Director Sarah Cordts.

The book sale netted $420 as well as new faces and new library cards were issued. All of our books on tape were purchased by one individual.

Game Night continues to be very successful.

The Kindergarten classes will resume their Library visits in April and UPK is scheduled to resume library visits in May. Jen Chillrud, the Hudson Falls Primary School Librarian will be meeting with Sarah soon. A newly formed teen writing group, organized by Emily Austen and called “The Blank Page” will be meeting at the Library weekly. There has also been discussion of starting an adult writing group.

The Library held a Frozen event last month and another one is scheduled with the movie for this month also. Story Hour continues every week-end.

April 25,2014 is a Meet The Author program with Bob Connor, Historical writer from Glens Falls and author of *General Gordon Granger: The Savior of Chickamauga and the Man Behind “Juneteenth”.*

The Albany Law School is having a Seniors Work Shop in April and the plans for a Gala Night with silent auction continue and a definite date will be set soon.

**Old Business**

Search for our new Trustee continues and Beth Murphy and Tim Adamson have indicated an interest and they will be invited to attend our next meeting on 5/5/14.

Michael Mercure continues to work on the 501-C as does the consideration for the retirement gift for Bob Rose.

Sarah continues to work on the changes to the Personnel Manual, The Mission Statement and our Library Brochure.

It was suggested that photos of Baker’s Falls and The Five Combines be considered as possible additions to the brochure and Michael Herman will also forward the Library Logo to Sarah.

Sarah is working on the Summer Reading Program press release for The Post Star.

**New Business**

Sarah is working on the Home for Aged Women grant.

Sarah is requesting an updated price quote for the new computers and we may presently only replace 3 computers, 1 for each circulation desk and 1 for the catalog internet portal. Perhaps the remaining ones can wait for another year until replacement is necessary.

Michael Herman offered his resignation as Board President. Michael is leaving the area for an employment opportunity in South Carolina and his resignation is effective immediately.

Lester Losaw made a motion to reluctantly accept Michael’s resignation, Mary Ann Stevens seconded and all present board members voted in favor, motion carried.

Michael Herman nominated Arlene Baker as President, Linda Kennedy seconded and all board members present voted unanimously in favor and motion carried.

Linda Kennedy was nominated for Library Board Vice-President by Kathy Thompson and Michael Herman seconded and all Board Members present voted in favor and motion carried.

The Board entered into confidential Executive Session at 8:10 PM and the Executive Session ended @ 8:37 PM.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 5/5/14 at 7 PM and meeting adjourned by President Arlene Baker at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Stevens

Secretary

Hudson Falls Free Library Board of Trustees