

Hudson Falls Free Library
September 9, 2013

The September 9, 2013 meeting of the Hudson Falls Free Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Michael Herman at 7:03 pm. The following trustees were present: Michael Herman, Arlene Baker, Mary Ann Stevens, Lester Losaw, Ann Francato, Linda Kennedy, Robert Rose, Michael Mercure, Kathy Thompson and Director Marie Gandron.

There were no absent trustees.

Our guests were Debbie VanGuilder, Library Aide, Bruce VanGuilder, husband and patron and Nancy Corliss, Library Aide and Volunteer.

The Secretary's Report for the June 3, 2013 meeting was read by Mary Ann Stevens and a motion to accept was made by Kathy Thompson and seconded by Linda Kennedy, all present voted to accept the report.

The Treasurer's Report as of 9/9/13 was read by Treasurer Lester Losaw and is as follows:

Checking Account:	\$4,991.73
Savings Account:	\$1,062.75

There was discussion about a possible fund transfer being necessary to cover our expenses by year's end. The check of \$21,962.00 from Hudson Falls Central School District should be available by this week. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Michael Mercure and seconded by Ann Francato and so carried by all Board Members present.

The Library Director's Report was given by Director Marie Gandron. We received a SALS mini grant of \$428.50 for our Summer Reading Program. Additionally gifts from trustees, the donation box, The Cornell Cooperative Extension and The Hudson River Shakespeare Company brought the total to \$847.50 and the total expenses for the program totaled \$837.34. There were 36 children who joined the program and 30 finished.

The Sandy Hill Foundation gave \$1,000 which was put into the Membership Drive, bringing that total to \$7,183.00.

Repairs to the air conditioning unit totaled \$335.50 by Thermal Associates, (repairs were above and beyond what is covered by our maintenance agreement.)

Old Business:

The windows need repair, caulking and painting as do the columns. We received an initial estimate of \$10,000 for the total job and a more reasonable second estimate of \$2,000 for sanding, caulking and painting of the columns and the same work for the windows for \$1,800.

At this time we don't have the money for either repair so discussion of doing the columns is tabled until spring, after the road repairs are finished, and we will re-evaluate having the windows done before winter but after receiving the HFCSD check.

New Business:

The recent controversy over the Summer Reading Program and its winner, Tyler Weaver, Katie Weaver, his mother, Lita Casey and Director Marie Gandron is a confidential personnel issue and not for public record and is to be addressed in the Executive Session of this meeting. We asked our guests and Marie Gandron to leave the meeting so we could proceed.

Before leaving the meeting, Debbie VanGuilder, Bruce VanGuilder and Nancy Corliss addressed the Board and offered support for Marie while voicing concerns over favoritism being shown Tyler Weaver and his family by Lita Casey at the expense of other participants in the Summer Reading Program.

Michael Herman asked for a motion to begin Executive Session, motion made by Linda Kennedy and seconded by Mary Ann Stevens and so carried by all members present.

There were no votes with discussion only during executive session.

The Executive Session and meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Stevens,
Secretary