

January 31, 2024

## Board of Trustees Annual Meeting

A motion was made by Arlene Baker to appoint Robert Hafner as Presiding Chairperson for the 2024 annual Meeting of the Hudson Falls Free Library. Seconded by Emily Murphy. Motion accepted by consensus.

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Hudson Falls Free Library Board of Trustees was called to order by designated Chairperson Robert Hafner at 6:35 PM.

Library Trustees present: Arlene Baker, Ann Francato, Bethanie Lawrence, Emily Murphy, Jeffrey Zappieri, Library Director Kay Hafner and Children's Room Coordinator Emily Forbes-Wood.

The minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were presented to the Board online. Bethany Lawrence made a motion to accept the minutes. Arlene Baker seconded. Emily Murphy abstained. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted from Lester Losaw (now retired).

As of December 31, 2023: \$169.75 Checking  
\$ 102,156.55 Savings.

Bethanie Lawrence made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Emily Murphy seconded. Motion carried by consensus.

Library Director Kay Hafner reported that book circulation and e book circulation have increased. Patrons on record is at 3757.

Emily Forbes-Wood Children's Room Coordinator reported:

- Over the last year we had 1,465 children and teens attend our programs.
- Baby Toddler Playgroup, Pokemon at the Library, PAWS for Reading (with therapy dog Aja), Teen Dungeons and Dragon, Tiny Art Shows, Teen Art Show, Monthly Scavenger Hunts, Kids Volunteer Program and our Summer programming have met with success.
- Stewarts Grant in 2023 enabled the library to have Jumpin Jamie (magic and music), Planetarium Adventures and a Wild Life presentation.

We are looking forward to new activities for kids and teens through 2024.

### Nominations and Elections:

Trustees and Terms – The Board will consist of 7 members.

The term of office of Trustees will be 3 years to begin immediately upon date of election.

Arlene Baker made a motion to affirm and ratify these changes. Jeffrey Zappieri seconded. Motion carried by consensus.

The Slate of Officers: President Arlene Baker  
Vice President Bethanie Lawrence  
Secretary Ann Francato  
Treasurer Emily Murphy

Arlene Baker made a motion to elect the full slate for 2024. Bethanie Lawrence seconded. Motion carried by consensus.

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A motion was made by Arlene Baker and seconded by Emily Murphy to authorize the following Officers – President, Treasurer and the Library Director to sign checks for the Hudson Falls Free Library. Motion carried by consensus.

We thank Robert Hafner for being the designated Chairperson for the 2024 Annual Meeting.

There being no further business Emily Murphy made a motion to adjourn. Jeffrey Zappieri seconded. Motion carried by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Francato  
Secretary