

Henry Carter Hull Library Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

HCH Community Room

September 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Richie Santanelli, Michael Brochu, Michael Valenti, Mary Gilbert, Bob Igo, Paul Gebauer, Elizabeth Goldstein, Val Nye, Ken McDonnell

Absent: Dave Reynolds, Dianne Flynn, Christina Acampora, Laurie Santos,

Administrator: Maribeth Breen

Meeting was called to order by Richie Santanelli at 7PM

- I. Minutes of the June 2023 meeting were approved as written
- II. Correspondence: There were no correspondence
- III. Treasurer's Report: Dave was absent so Maribeth answered questions concerning the July and August Profit and Loss Budget Performance. Dave will have the Library Investment Accounts & Meigs Trust worksheets at the next meeting.
- IV. Director's Report:
 - a. The After Hours event was a success with a lot of positive feedback. \$4,500 was raised. Discussion followed concerning next year's event. August 17, 2024 was tentatively set for next year's event.
 - b. The Garden Club is planning a project to improve the outdoor space in the back of the library. They plan to prune the trees and plant new flowers and shrubs. They have a budget of \$1k which they will fund.
 - c. The summer reading program was a success with 343 participants
 - d. Maribeth asked for volunteers to help write thank you notes for the After Hours fundraiser. Mary offered to help.
 - e. Planning has begun to help us celebrate our 25th year anniversary at 10 Killingworth Tpke.
 - f. Lyndsey obtained a \$4,775 grant to purchase new furniture for the Teen Room. Maribeth requested funds to purchase coretec vinyl flooring and appropriately sized chairs for the Hub. Total additional funds would be \$9,250. Paul made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$9,250 for the flooring and additional furniture and to take these funds from the Facilities, Equipment & Technology account. It was seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.
 - g. There is a meeting scheduled with the Town Council to discuss the board's vision of changes to the library building and to request the sharing of cost for architect fees and construction cost. This meeting is scheduled for **September 20th at 6pm in the green room.**
 - h. Maribeth recommended that we add Pamela Cyrus to the library board. Pamela's biography was discussed and the board unanimously agreed to add her to the board.
- V. Committee reports

- VI. Old Business:
 - October will be our annual meeting. Our annual letter will be sent out in December
 - Nominations and elections for President and Secretary are in October
- VII. New Business:
- VIII. Next meeting: October 11, 2023
- IX. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.