



**Hudson Area Joint Library
Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2021 – 5:30 PM**

1. Call to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Paul Berning. Roll call, certification of compliance with open meeting laws and public record laws, and introduction of visitors and guests.

Board members present: Berning, Whiteley, O'Connor, Osterhues, McCarthy, Peterson.

Absent: Blank

Visitors: Joyce Law

Staff: Shelley Tougas, Madeline Page

2. Citizen comments – None

3. ACTION ITEM: Approve Consent Agenda Items

- a.) Approve meeting Agenda
- b.) Disposition of Minutes from the October board meeting and of any intervening special meetings.
- c.) Discussion and possible action on invoices that are not regularly recurring or are not within the 2021 Budget vs. Actual to Date
- d.) Discussion and possible action on regularly recurring expenditures that are within the Board approved 2021 budget
- e.) Discussion and possible action on 2020 and 2021 budget comparison
- f.) Golden Rule donations and spending

Motion by Berning to approve a-f

Second by O'Connor

Discussion: None

Vote taken: MOTION CARRIED - 6 Ayes / 0 Nays

4. Presentations:

- a.) Friends of the Library: Joyce Law reported that the Friends hope to schedule a book sale in the spring. Online sales are doing well and there is a 20% discount for the month of November for those who shop online through Abe's Books.
- b.) Library Foundation: Peterson reported that the annual campaign has resulted, so far, in \$30,000 received in 2 weeks. It's a huge response and there are many new donors. There is

a December meeting and Peterson will update the Board on a idea to 'bridge-the-gap' funding option.

5. President's comments, reports, and Municipal updates:

- a.) President: Reported that Jim Schrock submitted his resignation from the Hudson Library Board. He will be missed.
- b.) St. Joseph: Peterson presented via zoom and received positive comments.
- c.) Town of Hudson: No updates.
- d.) Village of North Hudson: Budget is at maximum levy, will fund the Library at the three year average. The Village final budget is being voted on tonight (11/16/2021).
- e.) City of Hudson: Passed budget last night; concerned about levy. In talks with North Hudson on a funding effort that would support the library.

6. Directors' Report

- a.) Presentation of the monthly report and statistics.
- b.) Director's report & update.
- c.) Storm update.

7. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM: Budget recommendation from Finance Committee

No budget to recommend yet from Finance Committee.

8. DISCUSSION: Library Impact Fees

Exploring option due to the potential of the Police moving from the building. Nothing to recommend yet from Finance Committee.

9. DISCUSSION: Update from ad hoc facility planning committee

The committee's first meeting was a chance to get organized in the event that police move out of the shared building. Recommendation that a purpose statement be written at the next meeting and be brought to the Board for input.

10. DISCUSSION: Update from ad hoc building committee re: Occupancy Agreement

The building committee is waiting for updates from the pro-bono attorney who is reviewing the agreement. This review is to help the Board understand the language of the agreement to inform their next steps, ensure compliance and fiduciary responsibility. A potential meeting with Board members and City Administrator would be welcomed.

11. ACTION ITEM: Adjournment

Motion by Berning to adjourn at 6:20

Second by McCarthy

Vote taken: MOTION CARRIED – 6 Ayes / 0 Nays

Respectfully submitted,
Madeline Page