

**Dobbs Ferry Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of Meeting 12/1/2016
Call to Order at 8:30 PM**

Attending:

Cathy Gerard, Paula Dambroff, Betty Gilmore, Ned Canora, Maria Nigro, Rebecca Pitts

Excused:

Lawrence Taylor, Carolyn Schwartz, Eric Menzie

Minutes of November 1st were reviewed and approved. Motion to approve by Betty. Seconded by Cathy.

President's Report - none

Director's Report

Ned and Paula met with the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Lisa Brady and Douglas Berry. The art department is meeting with Ned on 12/7 to discuss hanging an art show at the library. Along with art, there is also interest in holding music programming at the library.

They also discussed the possibility of the DFPL Teen Librarian supporting library programming and services at the Middle and High school to support the sole Middle and High School Librarian, Annette Gonzalez.

Ned presented a draft of the 2017-2018 Budget to the Board.

Ned has been in touch with the Village Treasurer in anticipation of the 2017-2018 Budget approval process.

Ned will be making an additional professional hire.

2017 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Cathy Gerard motions:

Maria Nigro & Rebecca Pitts: Co-Presidents

Paula Dambroff: Vice President

Betty Gilmore: Secretary

Starting in January.

Betty seconds.

All in favor.

Cathy Gerard will be resigning from the Board as of December 31, 2016.

Carolyn Schwartz will be resigning from the Board as of December 31, 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS

RECRUITMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS -- A Letter to the Enterprise and an Ad in the Enterprise will be submitted. It was noted that the Charter states that the Board may self-appoint a new member if a previous Board Member leaves mid-term.

JANUARY RETREAT - Maria is reaching out to Yonkers Public Library or WLS to book meeting space for our retreat on January 7, 2016 from 10 AM - 2 PM. Maria will book space and create an agenda; Becky will circulate the mid-Hudson Library self-evaluation form to be completed prior to the meeting.

BOOK PLATES - Ned will print book plaques for Cathy Gerard and Carolyn Schwartz to commemorate their years of service on the Library Board.

JANUARY HOLIDAY PARTY - Due to this year's budget cut, we will not be holding our Village-wide holiday dinner.

STAFF LUNCHEON - The Board will be invited to the Staff Luncheon. Ned will send out more information.

VACATION REQUESTS

Betty moves that Ned has the discretion to approve staff requests for two floating holidays for Christmas and New Year's Day. Cathy seconds. All in favor.

Betty moves that Ned has permission to carry over vacation days into 2017.
Cathy seconds.
All in favor.

NEXT MEETING

There was a request to move the meeting to Board 3rd Tuesday of the month; the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17 at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted:
Rebecca Pitts