



HUDSON LIBRARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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August 8, 2018

Minutes

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Hudson Library and Historical Society was called to order at 7:06 pm on Wednesday, August 8th, 2018 in the Laurel Lake Room of the Hudson Library and Historical Society by President Basil Musnuff.

President Basil Musnuff directed the Fiscal Officer of the Board to call the Roll.

TRUSTEES PRESENT AT ROLL CALL

Mr. Kabir Bhatia - y

Dr. Denise Gibson - y

Ms. Lesley Hoover - n (present through phone)

Ms. Melissa Monaco - y

Mr. Basil Musnuff - y

Mr. John Rydquist - y

Mrs. Anne Suntken - y

Mrs. Becky Thompson - y

Mrs. Carleen Welch - n

OFFICIALS AND OTHERS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL

Ms. Leslie Polott, Executive Director - n
(present through phone)

Ms. Molly Pandelli, Fiscal Officer - y

Ms. Laura Greer, Deputy Fiscal Officer/Board Secretary - n

Ms. Marylyn Galganski, Head of IT - y

Mrs. Ellen Smith, Assistant Director - n

VISITORS

Ms. Mary Hughes, LWVH

Mr. Peter Pearson, Library Strategies

Discussion with Peter Pearson

Mr. Musnuff introduced Mr. Pearson from Library Strategies to discuss the proposed feasibility study for the Annex Project. Mr. Pearson explained that he would be the person to replace Karen Rose as the lead consultant for our feasibility study. He noted that he had recently retired as President of the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, but is now working as a consultant with Library Strategies. He founded Library Strategies during his time with the Friends organization and Foundation.

Ms. Hoover asked if the timeline for the project would change and he said it would not take longer as he has fewer projects on which he is working. He stated that he is President Elect of the United for Libraries Division of the American Libraries Association so he will be involved with libraries for at least three more years. Dr. Gibson asked if there would be any change in cost to the library, to which Mr. Pearson answered no. In fact, Mr. Pearson typically charges a higher rate than Karen Rose. However,



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Library Strategies will continue to bill us under the rate quoted for Ms. Rose.

Mr. Pearson explained that he would recommend utilizing Chris Watkins – one of Library Strategies contract consultants – on our feasibility study. Ms. Watkins is the former development director of the American Library Association, and is expert in our type of capital campaign. Mr. Pearson recommends having more than one consultant on a project simply because one person may not appeal to the varied personalities interviewed as part of the study.

Mr. Musnuff asked Mr. Pearson to expand on the possibility of creating a library foundation. He noted that fundraising should be a full-time endeavor and the library staff or board could not do that.

The Board thanked Mr. Pearson for attending the meeting and Mr. Musnuff explained that discussion regarding the contract with Library Strategies and Mr. Pearson will be on the agenda for the regular Board meeting in August.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Mr. Basil Musnuff, President
Board of Trustees

Ms. Molly Pandelli, Fiscal Officer
Board of Trustees