



HUDSON LIBRARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hudson Library and Historical Society was called to order at 7:01 pm on Monday, June 26th, 2023, in the Flood Family Meeting room by President Basil Musnuff.

President Basil Musnuff directed the Board Secretary to call the Roll.

TRUSTEES PRESENT AT ROLL CALL

Mr. Samuel Barnett – y

Mr. Tim Clarke – y

Mrs. Beverly Dorson – y

Mr. Basil Musnuff – y

Mr. John Rydquist - y

Mr. Rob Swedenborg - y

Mrs. Heidi Walters - n

Mrs. Carleen Welch - n

OFFICIALS AND OTHERS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL

Ms. Leslie Polott, Executive Director – y*

Ms. Molly Pandelli, Fiscal Officer – y

Ms. Marie Turkovich, Deputy Fiscal Officer/Board Secretary – y

**present via Zoom video conference*

VISITORS

Barbara Bos-Hudson League of Women Voters

Anne Suntken-Patron and Board Appointee candidate

Public Comment

Mr. Musnuff invited public comment as the first order of business. No comments were brought forth.

Nominating Committee

Board Appointment

Mr. Rydquist introduced Anne Suntken to the Board Meeting attendees. He stated that Mrs. Suntken held a Board position with the library previously and that she was willing to accept the vacant Board position, if appointed, she will serve until the next Annual Meeting in 2024.

Mr. Musnuff updated the Board on the vacant seat due to Dr. Sarver Coombs resignation. Mr. Musnuff discussed the proposed resolution that was previously distributed. Mr. Musnuff then read the Resolution.



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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

OF THE HUDSON LIBRARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHEREAS, Dr. Danielle Sarver Coombs resigned her seat on the Board of Trustees of the Hudson Library & Historical Society effective April 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 6 of the Regulations of the Hudson Library & Historical Society permit the Board to Appoint a successor to fill the vacancy by a majority vote of the remaining Trustees,

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees hereby appoints Anne Suntken as a Trustee to serve in the seat vacated by Dr. Sarver Coombs until the next election of Trustees by the Membership.

Mr. Musnuff inquired if any comments or changes to the proposed resolution before requesting a motion, none were brought forth.

Resolution #2023-022: Mr. Rydquist made the motion to approve the Board Appointment resolution as presented. Mr. Swedenborg seconded, and it was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Marie Turkovich-Notary Public, swore in Mrs. Suntken with the oath of office, she responded "I do".

Minutes

Mr. Musnuff presented the minutes of Regular Board Meeting on May 22nd, 2023. Mr. Musnuff invited any comments or proposed changes to the minutes, and none were brought forth.

Resolution #2023-023: Mr. Barnett made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 22nd, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Rydquist seconded, and they were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Finance Committee

Mr. Swedenborg reported in Mrs. Welch absence for the Finance Committee. He stated that the Finance Committee met to review the May 2023 Financial Statements. Ms. Pandelli then presented the May financial statements.



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A. Fiscal Officer's Report

1. May 2023 Financial Statements

- a. Payouts from the General, Private, Capital Improvement and Brewster Café Funds
- b. Donations in the amount of \$5,457.99

The library received just over \$162,000 in PLF revenue for the month which is almost 14% less than last year. Ms. Pandelli stated that the state's two-year budget is in conference committee with the PLF being set at 1.7%.

In May, we received our 1st half property tax settlement in the amount of \$337,350.50 from the city. In June we will receive the final 1st half payment for the homestead rollbacks and reimbursements.

In May, the private funds investment account earned \$2,649.60 in interest and dividends for the month. There was a decrease in market value of just over \$39,000 for the month, leaving an ending balance of just over \$2.6 million.

Total donations for the month were \$5,457.99. This includes \$2,500 from the Friends of the Library, \$1,000 from the Hudson League for Service, \$440 in honor of Carleen Welch's birthday, to be used towards a Baking Series and \$710 in memory of Friends volunteer, Robert Marshall.

Mr. Swedenborg inquired of the homestead rollback and reimbursements and the potential of these payments in the future. Ms. Pandelli stated that the homestead rollbacks are not expected to end in the future and explained how the calculation is affected by new levies.

Resolution #2023-024: Mr. Swedenborg made the motion to approve the May Financial Statements as presented. Mrs. Dorson seconded, and they were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Director's Report

Ms. Polott presented the Director's report via Zoom video conference and highlighted that in addition to her report, that the Summer Learning Program had close to 2,000 sign ups, stating this is back to pre-COVID levels. She stated that the recent petting zoo event had 300 people in attendance. Ms. Polott then shared some patron comments regarding programs and resources at the library with the Board. She highlighted that potential musical programs are being sought out.



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Ms. Polott gave an update on facility items. She stated that architects will be meeting with the library to review enhancements to the circulation workroom and review storage alternatives to accommodate our *Library of Things* as well as a Teen Room refresh. Fine art security frames to protect artwork in the Laurel Lake Room and the Eldredge Reading Room will occur in July.

Ms. Polott highlighted that the new museum pass initiatives are quite popular, and that the library will be getting more passes. She commented that patron outreach is occurring, and the library makes quarterly visits to Laurel Lake as well as increasing the number of library traveling collections. The library will participate in the upcoming First and Main Parent Fair.

Ms. Polott stated that as the Hudson Hub Times is no longer producing press releases in the paper, we are actively soliciting the Akron Beacon Journal for press releases on programs as well as using Crains and NPR to advertise and get the word out on library events and activities. The library is considering participating in a Welcome Wagon packet with local realtors as well.

Mr. Musnuff stated that he met with Chamber of Commerce staff who are also facing the same challenge of advertising and the use of social media, with the downfall of newspaper medium.

Friends of the Hudson Library

Mrs. Dorson stated that the Friends are participating in the upcoming Hudson Sidewalk Sale in July.

Committee Reports

Philanthropy Committee

Mr. Musnuff updated the Board on an upcoming workshop on June 27th with former Board Members to assist in the direction of the committee.

Other Business

July Board Meeting date

Mr. Musnuff advised the Board that the July Board meeting would need to occur before July 15th to accommodate the Pro Forma Budget state deadline, stating that the Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday July 10th. July 12th, 2023 was suggested for the Board Meeting and there were no objections.

Resolution #2023-025: Mr. Barnett made the motion to move the July Board meeting date to Wednesday July 12th at 7:00 pm. Mrs. Dorson seconded, and it was approved by a unanimous voice vote.



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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Mr. Basil Musnuff, President
Board of Trustees

Ms. Marie Turkovich, Secretary
Board of Trustees