

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

April 18, 2022

Hauppauge Public Library

Present

Mr. Julian Aptowitz

Mr. Stephen Bard

Ms. Nayana Mehta

Mr. John White

Mr. Matthew Bollerman, Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Catherine Berntsen, Head of Teen Curriculum

Absent

Mr. Ralph Plotke

Mr. Bard called the Meeting to Order at 7:04 p.m.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the March 28, 2022 Board Meeting (Aptowitz, Mehta) passed 4-0.

Treasurer's Report

The Chief Executive Officer reviewed the reports with the Board.

Motion to accept the April 18, 2022 operating warrant \$172,085.70 (Mehta, White) passed 4-0.

Correspondence

None

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Catherine Berntsen, Head of Teen Curriculum spoke about the upcoming Battle of the Books program. It has undergone a complete overhaul in how the winning team will be determined. Overall many feel for the better. It is scheduled for August 13 at the Hyatt Regency in Hauppauge. Catherine is working on the Advanced Battle of the Books helping with the book selection. She spoke about Authors Unlimited coming to zoom on April 30. Also the ongoing use of the Teen Volunteer Take and Make program. Over 36 weeks straight of opportunities has happened. She highlighted a few coming up in the next weeks. The Chief Executive Officer spoke about the recent Library election and shared the results. 132 voted for the budget and 37 against. John White received 147 votes and there was one write-in. He confirmed that the Board wanted to add six hours to the schedule beginning July 1 in addition to a 2% staff pay increase. The CEO is directed to ask what best practices are available from other libraries in sharing trustee candidate

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information. Christa Zaros shared her experiences attending the Public Library Association conference. A better laid out version of the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan was included and given the thumbs up. The CEO and staff continue to write an Implementation Plan to achieve the vision outlined in the new Strategic Plan. A draft is expected at the May meeting. The CEO spoke about the current budget and the expectations for how it should conclude on June 30. The CEO shared the information about the upcoming Trustee Book Club session on April 19 and the 2022 State of Libraries Report from the American Library Association.

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Period for Public Expression

None

Personnel Report

Motion to accept the April 18, 2022 Personnel Report as written (White, Aptowitz) passed 4-0.

General Discussion

None

Executive Session

None

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. (Mehta, Aptowitz) passed 4-0.