

Haworth Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Monday, November 18, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Betsy Usami		Deepti Dutta	x	Mayor Heather Wasser	x	Councilperson Michelle Dilorgi	
Chris Stratton	x	Edmond Ezra		Jennifer Eisberg	x	Regina Eftychiou	x
Dawn Hoyng	x	Erica Krasny	x	Jody Rozenblit	x	Sharon Jureller	x

CALL TO ORDER:

Time – 7:05 pm by Sharon Jureller

SUNSHINE LAW: Pursuant to the terms of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting has been given to local newspapers, posted in the Haworth Library and provided to the municipal clerk.

OPEN TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS: No public present, closed at 7:06 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from Monday, October 21, 2024

Moved by Chris Stratton

Seconded by Regina Eftychiou

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- Bank balances are in good standing and finances healthy.
- Budget has been prepared and is within \$500 of the millage for next year.
- We expect a few repairs next year and have increased the budget.
- Much thanks to the Borough CFO who has been wonderful at processing checks in a timely manner.
- Expenses for last month are usual.

Approve the October Checks# 3415-3431 in the amount of \$ 9675.24

Moved by Dawn Hoyng

Seconded by Chris Stratton

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- The position of Head of Youth Services was accepted by Allison Hammer who worked at Haworth Library from 2001 - 2009. She has to take one more class to complete her Masters in Library Science. She is working as a Special Education Instructional Aid at an elementary school and will join on Wednesday, December 11th.
- I hosted three kindergarten school visits last month. We read a book and made a craft. The Pre-K was also scheduled to come today but cancelled. I have been ordering Children’s books, maintaining the displays for the younger audience and helping in hosting programs with vendors.
- BCCLS battery backup unit which was causing periodical loss of internet connection has been replaced and there have been no issues since.
- The heat in the children’s and community room is not working. The HVAC Company has been contacted to diagnose and get it to work. The condensation tray which was broken in one of the units is still backordered.
- Thank you to Tommy at DPW for assisting with the electric breaker in the Children’s room which tripped due to the use of space heaters.
- Friend’s fundraiser, Taste of the Holidays was attended by 40-45 library supporters.
- Postcards have been mailed for the Friends of the Library fundraising campaign and donations have started to come in.

- The Family Holiday Concert will be sponsored by the Friends of the Library and has been scheduled for Sunday, December 8th at 3 pm.
- Town Historian, Beth Potter has compiled a book of photographs of 'Haworth Then and Now' and is taking orders to get them published as a fundraiser for the Friends of the Library. The price is \$30 per book.

The Friends of the Library are also working on a fundraiser for next year. A similar fundraiser was held in 2018, where local artists were invited to paint fiberglass animals which were later auctioned to raise funds for the library. The dogs, cats and butterflies will arrive in January 2025 and are expected to be painted and displayed in town by Memorial Day. An auction will be organized in October 2025.

MAYOR'S /COUNCIL REPORT

- **Green Team** is an initiative from the Environmental Commission which allows access to certain grants and credits with the state. There are 5 members on the team who were appointed by the Mayor.
- **Paving path along the reservoir** has evolved. There is no asphalt, only stone and dust. It is also wider. A lot of people are working on site it should be done by the weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Oath for the New Trustee:** Mayor Wasser administered the Oath to Erica Krasny who will complete the remaining term of Edmond Ezra which expires on 12-31-28.
- 2) Updated contact list for the Library Board of Trustees** The members verified their contact information.
- 3) 2025 Holidays, Summer Hours and Board Meeting Dates:** Spring break for Haworth school district starts on April 14th, 2025. A poll will be conducted in February to check the availability of Board Members for the Board Meeting scheduled on April 14th, 2025.

A motion to approve the 2025 Holidays, Summer Hours and the Board Meeting Dates

Moved by Dawn Hoyng

Seconded by Regina Eftychiou

OLD BUSINESS

Sanctuary Libraries: An updated resolution was presented and a motion to declare Haworth Municipal Library as a Book Sanctuary

Moved by Jody Rozenblit

Seconded by Dawn Hoyng

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Time - 7:31 pm

Moved by Dawn Hoyng

Seconded by Chris Stratton

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, December 9th, 2024 at 7 pm at Haworth Library and Zoom.