

**HERRICK DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2022**

Holland, Michigan
November 17, 2022

Members Present Kleinheksel, Becker, Dewey, Kool, Marroquin, Petzak, Rutan, Van Allsburg

Member Absent Dewey

Staff Director Kooiker, Assistant Director Williams

2022-101 **Approval of Agenda**

Upon motion by Kool, 2nd by VanAllsburg, the agenda was approved at 4:02 p.m.

2022-102 **Consent Agenda**

Upon motion by Kool, 2nd by Petzak, the consent agenda items were approved. This month's budget report included the annual audit report, which was presented by Rehmann with a clean audit finding.

2022-103 **Citizen's Comments**

There were no citizen's comments.

2021-104 **Friends of Herrick District Library**

DeVries reminded the board of the Annual Appreciation Dinner put on by the Friends of HDL taking place the following evening, November 18.

2022-105 **Director's Report: October 2021:**

Our team has really been working on programming and I am very proud of the things we are trying. I want to highlight a few of those programs today in the words of the person who is presenting the program or from the supervisor.

A. First is from Lindsay with the NaNoWriMo program: "For the "I Wrote a Novel- Now What?" panel, we had 15 virtual attendees and 20 in-person guests. Our superstar panelists joined us virtually from Iowa, Washington D.C. and Germany. They gave thoughtful writing advice and shared their personal experiences with the wild world of publishing. Many of our patrons came up to me after the panel to chat even more because they were so excited about writing. After the panel, we raffled off copies of our panelists' books, gave out prizes with the YS prize wheel, and did writing activities. We even had a group of local writers stay until the very end, just talking about the stories they're working on. In my eyes, it was a huge success. "

B. The second program I want to highlight is from Rob: "If you have a second, I'd like to tell you a little bit about the North Branch Story Project...Over the last six weeks, we've been, essentially, helping a group of kids write their own books. The authors (between the ages of 6 and 13) have gathered each Thursday to talk about books, learn about the library, get to know each other, get to know library staff, and learn about the book writing process. Special guests visited each week, including:

- HDL's own Lindsay Zrull, who talked about characters.
- Karen Rowe, an 8th grade teacher at Black River, who talked about plot and the hero's journey
- Dr. Beth Trembley, a retired Hope professor whose recently published graphic memoir is in our collection, talked about illustrations
- HDL's own Liz Hegg, who talked about collection development, how we pick the books that go into our collection, and the importance of a diverse collection

The kids have had homework assignments, writing prompts, challenges, and group projects. To their eternal credit, they did them all. They came each week full of ideas and excitement. Each hour has been chock-full of information and a whole lot of laughs. And it has been awesome. I can happily say, with no hyperbole (and I love hyperbole!), that it has been one of the great joys of my professional life. Adrienne and I have got to know each of these kids. We've seen them grow. Open up. We've seen them become friends and help each other. We've seen them take these little kernels of ideas and, over the course of the program, turn them into books. (In addition, Adrienne "The Human Dynamo" Baker has also been doing the program with some of the classrooms she regularly visits. You might not know this, but Adrienne visits a slew - that's right, a slew! - of classrooms on the North side of Holland each month. Two of the classrooms finished their books. They're fantastic!) We have 16 completed books. They are all unique and wonderful in their own way. They have titles like: • Candycorn and the Stolen Princess • Sam The Dino: Super Ace • Camp Duct Tape • Mr. Rob's Magic Purple Shoes (my personal favorite) Each book is being professionally published and will go into HDL's collection. Soon, each kid will be able to walk into our library and check out a book that they wrote. (Shout out to the CDR department for making that possible.) How cool is that?!

C. Jake from North Branch: "Last night I hosted a Greek Mythology Trivia night here at the North Branch and had 15 contestants show up. The winning team walked away with gift certificates to Reader's World, while the rest seemed to have a great time. I even got into a spirited debate about the validity of one of my questions with a very knowledgeable and determined 9-year-old. All in all, it was very enjoyable for me to have such engaging contestants."

D. Matthew reports on an outreach opportunity: "I just wanted to give an update about how the outreach event at the Grand Opening for the observatory at Hemlock Crossing went. Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association gladly let us set our table up next to one of their solar system demonstrations, so we got plenty of foot traffic from 7:00pm-8:00pm (before the telescope was open to the public). Things began to slow down around 8:00, but we still received a steady trickle of people coming by our table. In all we interacted with 155 people. The main attraction to our table was definitely the button maker. Kids and adults alike were really interested in making space-themed buttons about reading. Those who wanted to make custom buttons were informed that the button makers are in our LoT collection and are available for checkout. While the buttons attracted people to the table, it also gave them a great opportunity to peruse the astronomy books that we had arranged on our table, leading to a handful of books being checked out. The books also provided a good opportunity to sign people up for library cards."

E. Finally from Sara, recognizing the work of Teen Librarians Heather and Amanda: "Just wanted to send a shoutout to Heather and Amanda for their pizza bakeoff program last night. I think they might be a little hesitant to toot their own horns, but a mom posted this to Facebook and I think everyone might enjoy reading it:

The patron states "This was such a fun event to watch my daughter participate in. She enjoys cooking and had a great time. Thanks to HDL, teen staff members, Heather and Amanda for organizing the event. And also thanks to Jennifer from Community Action House for hosting the event and providing materials and a fabulous kitchen!

I have only included a few of the stories of the programming efforts here at HDL and this does not recognize all of the people and effort that goes into programming. Natalie has been working with the programming team to really help us come back up to programming levels after COVID. Thanks to the whole team for these great efforts and sharing the reflections.

2022-106 **President/Trustee Comments**

President Kleinheksel thanked the staff for their hard work.

2022-107 **Committee Reports**

Remodeling group met on November 2, Building Committee next scheduled meeting is December 8, 2022; Finance Committee met on November 10, 2022, next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023; Policy/Personnel next scheduled meeting is on January 12, 2023.

2022-108 **Cost of Living Adjustment for Staff**

Upon a motion by Kool, 2nd by Petzak, a motion was approved to adopt a cost of living increase of 8.5% across all position levels starting on January 1, 2023, with the budget to be amended, at a later date, to reallocate dollars from the fund balance, the contingency fund or other potential budget lines, depending on actual need.

2022-109 **Holiday/Sunday Closing Schedule**

Upon a motion by Becker, 2nd by Kool, a motion passed to set the library closings for 2023 as recommended with the caveat that they may be amended as needed to meet the upcoming Collective Bargaining Agreement.

2022-110 **Gifts**

Upon a motion by VanAllsburg, 2nd by Petzak, the board voted to accept the gifts received by the library in the previous month.

2022-111 **Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Rutan, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by Sara DeVries, Board Clerk