

Henderson Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting, July 27, 2021
Minutes

The July 27, 2021, meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Henderson Free Library was called to order at 1:00 p.m., by President Barbara Greene. Members present were Mrs. Greene, Ann Trowbridge, Leah Poulin, Missy Drake, Mary Bryant, Sara Treadwell, Nancy Tackley, and Gretchen Martelle, and Director Mary Bidwell.

Minutes of the June 22, 2021, meeting were emailed to members in advance of today's meeting. There being no additions or corrections, Sara moved, and Mary Bryant seconded the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Ann Trowbridge presented her report for the month ending June 22, 2021. All bills are paid. Nancy moved, and Missy seconded the motion to accept the June report as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. Good job, as always, Ann!

Director's Report:

- Upcoming Events – Summer Reading Programs/Ellen Wiseman/Calendar
Mary reported that The Golden Goose was not well attended, in spite of the adorable themed cookies.
- Ellen Wiseman will be here on Thursday, August 12. Mary Bryant will ask Mary Cornell to bake 4 dozen themed cookies.
- Update on Rachel and Summer Youth Employment program: Mary would have had a difficult time this summer without Rachel's help. She is motivated, responsible, and a joy to work with. Gabe and Michael have also been valuable helpers. Sue Witmer's granddaughters gave a two-part sign language workshop.
- Paid time off report:
Mary has six hours' sick leave, 16 hours' personal time, and two weeks' vacation.
- Mary has offered to sell her small refrigerator to the library for \$50. Leah moved and Missy seconded the motion to purchase the refrigerator. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mary will purchase hot dogs, chips, drinks, and cupcakes for the end-of-SRP party. Sara, Nancy, Missy and Leah will help.

Committee Reports:

- **Decorating Committee:**
- **Program Committee:**
- **Budget/Personnel:**

There were no committee reports at today's meeting.

Old Business:

- Report from Special Town Board Meeting regarding library funding:
Barb attended the Town Board meeting last night. Funding for the library will be placed on the ballot in November, 2021, at the rate of \$50,000 annually. If the resolution passes, that dollar amount will be guaranteed. Politically, this is a tricky issue. We can't make the Town Board look bad, but voters need to know that we must preserve our funding. Signatures will be gathered for a petition to allow this issue to be placed on the Town ballot at the next general election.

Leah proposed the following resolution, to be placed on the ballot:

RESOLVED THAT, PURSUANT TO EDUCATION LAW, SECTION 259, SHALL THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TOWN OF HENDERSON TO THE HENDERSON FREE LIBRARY BE SET AT FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS ANNUALLY FOR THE PROVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICE.

Mary Bryant seconded the proposal. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- Accept Mary Bidwell's retirement as of August 14, 2021:
Nancy moved, and Sara seconded the motion to accept Mary's retirement, with deep regret and with appreciation for all she has done for the Henderson Free Library. The motion carried unanimously.
- Appoint Emily Catania to the position of Library Director effective August 2, 2021 at an annual salary of \$28,000:
Leah moved the appointment, Missy seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
- Set date to review applications for Library Assistant:
Barb handed out copies of applicants' responses for the library assistant's position. The Board will meet on August 4 at 11:00 a.m. to review the applications.

- Barb proposed that the Personnel Committee review paying Mary Bidwell for her unused sick, vacation and personal time. Leah moved that we pay Mary for 70 hours at her regular rate. The motion was seconded by Gretchen (I think) and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m., after a motion made by Missy and seconded by Sara.

Our next regular meeting will be held on August 27, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Martelle, Secretary
HFL Board of Trustees