

**Hudson Area Association Library -- Hudson, NY -- Columbia County
Board Meeting -- Saturday, April 24, 2021, 10:15 a.m. via ZOOM
MHLS representatives – Jill Leinung, Janet Schnitzer, Mark Wilson**

The Hudson Area Association Library was chartered in 1959 and remains a very important community support to the City of Hudson, the Town of Greenport, and the Town of Stockport. There are 15 board members, 13 were in attendance and the Director, Emily Chameides.

The MHLS representatives were welcomed by board president Mark Orton who then introduced themselves to the board.

The board is minus a Secretary and the position is rotating among board members.

Proposed changes to the By-Laws will be voted on in May. There was approval of changes to the Library Trustees Duties and Responsibilities Policy.

The finances of the library are positive even through the pandemic with very few fundraisers. Ideas are being discussed for events should things open to where in-person activities can be scheduled or to remain on Zoom.

The Director reported on the County Library's Museum Pass Program, various grants that have been received, and the donation to Emily's Wishlist from the Friends of HAL.

The highlight of the meeting was Ms. Chameides' annual report presentation to the board through power point. It is a wonderful testimony to the work done by everyone involved with the library, especially during this past year, 2020.

Committees are active—Board Development, Program, History Room, Fundraising, and Marketing. An important take-away from the Board Development committee is their instituting a Trustees Mentoring New Trustees program. There were two new trustees at the meeting who spoke of their mentors to help them acclimate to the board.

The library moved into its new library space five years ago and is feeling the need for more space. An area in the basement is being renovated for Literacy Connections private space with a small office and meeting/classroom space.

The president of Friends, Toni Kowick, gave her report to the board. A book sale is being planned for early June.

The board thanked the MHLS representatives for attending the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Recorded by Janet Schnitzer