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GRAND ISLE FREE LIBRARY
Minutes, August 10, 2015

Trustees Present: Lucy Gordon, Carolyn McCray, Karen Allen

Trustees Absent: Colleen Bushway, Kate O'Neill,

Others present: Grand Isle Librarian, Kathy Tulissi

The meeting opened at 6:00 pm.

I. Secretary's Report: Copies of the Minutes from the June 15, 2015 meeting were available, allowing time for the trustees to review and comment. Carolyn moved to approve the Minutes as written; Karen seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

II. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed. Karen moved to accept the report as presented; Carolyn seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

III. Librarian's Report: Kathy presented her report which centered on the results of the summer programming which will be ending soon. Although she initially had some difficulty connecting with folks to pin down the events and presenters, there was quite a lineup of available activities throughout the summer. Some of the events, however, had poor or no attendance. Asking folks to register for the activities did not make a difference as few signed up in advance and individuals or groups showed on the date for the presentation without providing advance notice.

Kathy has been looking into the cost for the library to purchase an additional pass to Shelburne Museum. She also mentioned several ideas for upcoming library events such as a presentation by the Historical Society, an ongoing opportunity for help by a local student for those having issues with iPhones or iPad devices and inviting Lee English to share songs. Kathy is arranging for substitute librarian coverage for those times when Colleen is not available. The wish list for the library continues to include a projector. This would be a great addition to the equipment and allow for movie night events.

IV. Old Business

a. The book sale held by the Friends of the Library group took place over the weekends of July 11th and 12th and also July 25th and 26th. Just over $825 was raised. It was suggested that in future years the sale might be scheduled for just one weekend and be consistent from year to year so that folks can count on it and plan to attend.

b. The survey has been generated and we are in the process of getting it out into the public in order to get an idea of what folks really value in library services and layout. It was made available to those attending the book sale and be added to the library website in the near future. Surveys can also be obtained from the library itself. Not surprisingly, a common comment is the need for a larger library space.

c. The family of the artist who painted the picture which is currently displayed over the library fireplace has notified us that they are not interested in donating the picture to the library but instead would let it continue to be displayed there. Since we are not aware of the painting's value and do not feel comfortable being responsible for it any longer, a letter will be sent to the family letting them know that they should arrange to come and retrieve the painting.

V. New Business

a. We have been notified that the older computer in the front of the library can no longer be update. It is possible that it could be replaced by a laptop for patron use.

b. The trustees are in the process of developing a fundraising letter to be sent to Grand Isle residents (summer and year-round). The need for a new library building is evident and the funds raised could be earmarked for a new space.

Lucy adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12th.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Allen, Secretary