GRAND ISLE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes, October 10, 2016

Trustees Present: Carolyn McCray, Kate O'Neill, Colleen Bushway, Karen Allen and Diane Cota

Trustees Absent: None

Others present: Grand Isle Librarian, Kathy Tulissi and Friends of the Library representative Barb Capen; Marie Toro

The meeting opened at 6:04.

I. Friends of the Library. Barb Capen attended the meeting to encourage the trustees to pursue the construction of a community library with the Town of South Hero. She also mentioned that the Friends Group would be having a bake sale on Election Day as a fundraiser.

II. Secretary's Report: Copies of the Minutes from the August 8, 2016 meeting were available, allowing time for the trustees to review and comment. Carolyn moved to approve the Minutes as written; Colleen seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed. Karen moved to accept the report; Diane seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

IV. Librarian's Report: Kathy Tulissi presented her report which provided an update on the installation of the library's new computer. Movie night is now being held on Saturday after the library closes; residents are encouraged to sign up for the event so that Kathy can be prepared for the number of attendees but few do so. Kathy will be taking the one remaining class to finish her certification; it will be an online course as the Vermont Department of Libraries has few class offerings at present. Diane moved to accept the Librarian's Report as presented; Carolyn seconded and it was passed unanimously.

V. Kate and Colleen had attended a meeting with North Hero Library Trustees to discuss the possible benefits of combining forces on certain items. Economy of scale might be achieved from joint programming or coordinating guest speakers to reduce the cost of travel time. A committee of members from both libraries will be formed to explore those possibilities. It was also suggested that member(s) of the Friends group might be invited to participate on some level.

VI. The Grand Isle Library board continues to be in discussion with the South Hero Library board about the possibility of having a combined community library. However, the board will enlist the help of the town residents by asking for their thoughts on whether or not they would support the construction and operation of a combined town library to be located in the South Hero town center.

V. The board reviewed and updated Library bylaws and policy. Motions were made and seconded by

Diane/Kate and Kate/Carolyn for the bylaw and policy changes respectively.

At 7:46 pm, Colleen made a motion for the library trustees to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Diane seconded the motion. Executive session ended at 8:18 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14th, at which time the library budget for the 2017/2018 year will be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Allen, Secretary