

GRAND ISLE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes, March 13, 2017

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

Trustees Absent: None

Others present: Friends of the Library representative Lucy Trombley and Grand Isle Planning Commission members Jeff Parizo, Shawn Mercy and David Graham

The meeting opened at 6:05 pm.

- I. Friends of the Library. Lucy Trombley attended the meeting as representative of the Friends of the Library. She noted that there was little new to add from their report at the February 20, 2017 meeting but confirmed that the group was still working to come up with a survey for the Grand Isle residents to determine what they wanted to see in a new library.
- II. Planning Commission Visit – Jeff Parizo, Shawn Mercy and David Graham attended the library meeting to touch base with the trustees to get an idea of the hopes and expectations with regard to a future new library – Where do we see ourselves in 20 years? The general public would be able to contribute their ideas through the Friends survey. The discussion involved ideas about the building structure itself such as location, building size and amenities, and the possibility of sharing a building with the Town office. Suggestions about the internal library space included but were not limited to aspects such as internet access, discreet areas for computer use, librarian office and workspace, shelving size and spacing, community room and bathroom facilities. In addition, the State Department of Libraries has recommendations of library size based on town population which could be incorporated into the decision making process. The general intention appears to have the new library built as part of a community center which would also include the new Fire Station and Town Office (whether separate or in a combined building with the library). David raised the possibility of the Recreation Committee having some storage space near the new community center which might allow for canoe and kayak rentals. There could also be walking paths nearby or even a skating rink should the space allow.

It was suggested that the Georgia Public Library, combined Jericho/Underhill Library or Milton Library might provide ideas for possible space usage and library layout when it comes time to finalize plans.

Jeff asked about the idea of a Grand Isle/South Hero community library. The trustees have and are continuing to explore the possibilities and ramifications that such a merger would entail.

Grand Isle Planning Commission members left the meeting at 7:02.

- III. Secretary's Report: Copies of the Minutes from the February 20, 2017 meeting were available, allowing time for the trustees to review and comment. Carolyn moved to approve the Minutes as written; Colleen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed. Karen noted a discrepancy in the calculation for the automation/software line item in the budget. Carolyn said she would make that correction. Colleen moved to accept the Treasurer's report with the suggested correction; seconded by Diane. Motion carried.

- V. Librarian's Report: Kathy was unable to attend the meeting but the Librarian's Report was handed out for review by the trustees. Kathy is working with the Friends of the Library group and a patron of the library to set up a course to be held during the summer months. The course would introduce young girls to science and engineering as they built a robot(s). Kathy has also been working with other Grand Isle County librarians on the possibility of holding a local job fair in the fall of the year.
- VII New Business. The library has been contacted to see if the space can be used for meetings of small groups for the purpose of conducting business. Library policy does not allow for the advertising of any for-profit entities so the request must be denied.

Election of Officers:

Chair – Diane moved to have Kate stay on as Chair; Carolyn seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer – Diane moved to have Carolyn stay as Treasurer; Carolyn seconded.

Carolyn moved to have the slate of officers remain the same; no second.

Kate moved to have Colleen take over as Treasurer; Karen seconded.

A brief discussion was held as to the merits of each nominee for Treasurer. Voting resulted in three for Colleen and two for Carolyn. Colleen suggested that Carolyn continue on as Treasurer until the end of the fiscal year to allow for consistency and a smooth transition.

Secretary – Kate moved to have Karen remain as Secretary; seconded by Colleen. Passed unanimously.

Resulting Slate of Officers:

Chair – Kate

Treasurer – Colleen

Secretary - Karen

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Allen, Secretary