

## GRAND ISLE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes, June 15, 2015

Trustees Present: Lucy Gordon, Carolyn McCray, Colleen Bushway, Kate O'Neill, Karen Allen

Trustees Absent: None

Others present: Grand Isle Librarian, Kathy Tulissi

The meeting opened at 6:05 pm.

- I. Secretary's Report: Copies of the Minutes from the April 13, 2015 meeting were available, allowing time for the trustees to review and comment. Colleen moved to approve the Minutes as written; Carolyn seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- II. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed. There was a discussion about the possibility of switching to Comcast for phone/internet/voicemail, due to recent notification by the town that it might be moving to that provider. The pros and cons of what would be provided in light of the cost increase needs to be considered more fully. Colleen moved to accept the report as presented; Karen seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- III. Librarian's Report: Kathy presented her report which centered on the upcoming summer programming. She has had some difficulty connecting with folks to pin down the events and presenters but has quite a lineup of available activities planned. Overdue notices are being sent out with mixed success. In addition, there appear to be some Grand Isle Library patrons who borrow from other libraries using the Grand Isle card but do not return items in a timely manner. When that happens, the Grand Isle Library is notified of the infractions. The cycling group is expected to come through the Islands on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Due to the issues with the plumbing caused by high use last year, the cycling group has made arrangements for a port-o-let to be onsite for the use of those stopping at the library. Kathy is trying to find alternate possibilities for substitute librarian coverage for those times when Colleen is not available.
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Discussion continues about the possibility of holding an author event involving local authors. Due to time constraints, it was decided that the event should be scheduled for the summer of 2016 as there really is not enough time between now and the end of this summer to arrange everything for a successful event. This topic will be discussed at future meetings to determine possible authors to invite, venue, menu, advertising, etc.
  - b. The book sale being put on by the Friends of the Library group is scheduled for the weekends of July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and also July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Books are being delivered to Lucy's shed are in the process of being sorted by genre to make it easier for shoppers to find what they want.
  - c. We are still interested in providing a survey to Grand Isle residents (summer and year-round) to get an idea of what folks really value in library services and layout. It was suggested that a short survey could be available to those attending the book sale, with posters around the building giving some of the questions. Other posters around the sale could provide information to shoppers about suggestions of books/authors to try. This could be especially helpful for those looking for books within a specific genre but not familiar with some authors similar to those they normally read. It was also suggested that bookmarks be available at the sale, providing contact information for the library and the website for patrons to access the online catalog.

- d. 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. A meeting was held with James Plouffe of USDA Rural Development to discuss possible funding options for a new library. We would not be eligible for grant funds but could apply for a loan at 3% interest for a term of 40 years. He suggested that including the library in a new town center might be the most economical solution for our situation.
- b. The Planning Commission had asked that the library provide a list of repairs/needs/wants with a value of over \$3,000 and life expectancy of 5 years + to assist them in the development of a town capital budget and improvement plan. The meeting for that discussion was to be held on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- c. The trustees continue to review the various Library Policies which have not been updated for several years. It was suggested we add language to the general library policy indicating that whenever the local school is closed due to weather then the library will also be closed. The Safety Procedures were reviewed at the meeting and various suggestions made as to additions/revisions.

Lucy adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Allen, Secretary