

GRAND ISLE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes, August 8, 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 – Pat Gonyo, Char Kennedy, Gail Sanford, Steph Mazuzan and Gail Horne

The meeting opened at 6:05.

- I. Friends of the Library. Char Kennedy spoke about the success of the recent book sale and what was being done with the remaining books. The Friends of the Library group has gotten their 501(c)(3) determination and as a result, donations to the organization will be tax deductible. The Friends group will be sending out a fundraising letter and have asked that the trustees come up with item(s) for which the donations received might be earmarked.
- II. Secretary's Report: Copies of the Minutes from the June 13, 2016 meeting were available, allowing time for the trustees to review and comment. Colleen moved to approve the Minutes as written; Diane seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed. With the recent 501(c)(3) IRS determination for the Friends Group, they were able to open their own bank account so the funds held on their behalf have been transferred to them. The Trustees discussed options for growing the current assets of the library including the option of investment or moving to higher yield CDs if any can be found. Diane will contact the town to ask that the funds being held there on behalf of the library be released to the library. These include but are not limited to LISTA funds sent to reimburse and/or help offset the cost of interlibrary loans. A couple of items within the Treasurer's Report were noted as needing revision. Kate moved to accept the report with the suggested changes; Diane seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- IV. Librarian's Report: Kathy Tulissi presented her report which provided an update on the library's recent purchase of a projector and the two movie nights that had been held. Kathy asked if a night other than Monday might be better attended as the second showing had only two attendees. It was suggested that perhaps the fourth Monday of the month might work well as there is no Selectboard meeting scheduled for that evening. The possibility of scheduling movie time to attract the older residents in the area might be welcomed and the question was raised about the possibility of CIDER providing transportation for those wanting to attend. Kathy spoke about the summer reading program and the purchase of several passes for patrons to use such as for the Shelburne Museum and State Parks. Quite a few people have come into the library recently to get library cards which is wonderful. Kate moved to accept the Librarian's Report as presented; Colleen seconded and it was passed unanimously.
- V. Kate 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 South Hero Library trustees have invited members of the Grand Isle Library board to attend their meeting on August 16th. They have asked that we bring ideas of what our dream library might be so various possibilities were discussed including increased space, community room, modern technology, children's area, increased hours and programming, librarian office and workspace, storage, etc. The site options for a combined library appear to be limited, though and there seems to be conflicting information of actual interest from the South Hero Library board and/or residents of combining for a community library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Allen, Secretary