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**GRAND ISLE FREE LIBRARY** DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Minutes, October 14, 2014

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 6:10 pm.

- I. Secretary's Report: Copies of the Minutes from the August 11, 2014 meeting were available, allowing time for the trustees to review and comment, if desired. Kate moved to approve the Minutes as written; Carolyn seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- II. Treasurer's Report: Carolyn provided summary of budget activity since the August meeting. Kate moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted; Karen seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- III. Librarian's Report: The Librarian's report was distributed to the trustees and the items discussed. The summer reading program was a great success and programming for the colder months will be scheduled if library space allows (damage to corner). The library is buying more of the award winning books and also MP3 CD audiobooks. There is also an interest in adding more DVDs to the collection.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Lucy made a point of letting everyone know that she has been approached by a town resident who wanted to let us know what a wonderful job that Kathy is doing as Librarian. Kathy makes note of the interests of the patrons and goes out of her way to find
  - b. The recent change in library structural integrity was discussed. The corner near the fireplace that had been sagging has had drastic changes recently due to apparent cracks in the supporting beams. It was suggested that the corner be cleared of all weight related to books and shelving and that work was done by the trustees and library volunteer(s) over the course of the past ten (10) days. The corner area is currently off limits to use by patrons. The Selectboard was notified of the damage and is in contact with the town insurance company to inquire as to course of action for repair/insurance claim.
  - c. Grand Isle Library Trustees Lucy, Carolyn and Karen along with Kathy (Librarian) attended the South Hero Library Trustees meeting held on October 13<sup>th</sup> to see if they would be open to discussion about the possibility of a regional library. The Grand Isle board came away with a general feeling of disappointment about the entire meeting. The discussion was listed as the final item on their agenda which meant that folks had to stay for about 1 ½ hours before the subject was even raised. In addition, the few comments that were made by the South Hero Trustees made it seem like the subject had already been discussed among their members and that there was really no interest in pursuing the subject with the Grand Isle representatives. With that in mind, it might have been more considerate in general and respectful of the many time demands placed upon folks these days to have

simply notified that Grand Isle Trustees that there was really no interest in a possible combined library at the current time.

- d. A question was raised about whether it might be a good idea for the Library to have its own Costco Membership. After brief discussion, it was decided to hold off for now and revisit the possibility at a later date.
- e. The recent fire at the Methodist Church next door was discussed and the possibility raised of the Library making a small monetary donation to the church to help them out in their time of need in appreciation of their offer of the Library's use of their space for programming. It was determined that \$100 would be donated to the church.

Lucy adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Allen, Secretary