

Minutes Grand Isle Library Trustees

June 6/11/18

6:30 pm

The meeting was opened at 6:30 pm

Board Members present: Karen Allen, Colleen Bushway, Carolyn McCray, Kate O'Neill

Community members: Flora Bell, Howard DeMars, Michael Inners

Amend Agenda to report information from the Friends group

II. a) Friends Committee-

Book Sale is scheduled for July 6th, 7th and 8th at the Grand Isle School. Friday will be an advanced day for those who donated to the sale.

The Friends group will begin accepting donations on the 25th of June. Times will be posted on Front Porch Forum and in the Islander. They plan to accept books until July 2nd at specific times. Books must be in readable and saleable condition (no tears, mold).

The donated quilt will be brought down for display and to sell raffle tickets during the book sale.

The Friends Group will also be cross promoting the sale with CIDER's antique sale occurring the same weekend.

It was also mentioned that the Friends group would like to put something on the ballot regarding the future of the library, whatever that may be. With regard to putting something on the ballot for residents to respond to, Karen stated that in order to do our due diligence, we have to take our time. It was also noted in the discussion that any merger of the South Hero and Grand Isle libraries would need to be approved by the Selectboard of each town.

The results of the survey were discussed and it was stated that we are waiting for more information from the Investigative Committee before we move forward. We do know the South Hero library budget increased 10% at the last election; it had increased 3-4% each of the recent previous years.

Gail Sanford Memorial Fund will be giving a gift to a member of the 8th grade class and 1 community member.

b) Investigative Committee Report-

The committee will be meeting Thursday (6/14) evening to write an article for publication in the Islander on how the committee is progressing and any relevant information from the engineer's feedback and any information obtained thus far from South Hero library committee.

The structural engineer has been here and they are now waiting for a second engineer to investigate the foundation of the proposed site. Howard is planning to check to see if there has been any progress made with respect to the 2nd engineer.

III. Minutes from April 9th and May 29th tabled until our next meeting.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

There was a brief discussion of the propane and electric accounts noting that although our electric expenses were up, the propane was down and we remain hopeful that this will still balance out.

It was also mentioned that the new heat exchange system would run more efficiently and possibly cost less if run to keep the building at 70 degrees. There was the thought that we might not need to use the window air conditioner at all if this was done. It was agreed that we would not install the window unit at this point and see how it goes.

Flora Bell asked questions about the certificates of deposit held by the library.

Carolyn moved to accept the report as presented and Karen seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

V. The was no report from Kathy however Colleen was able to discuss that there were 3 programs scheduled in July including Rockin' Ron the Pirate in early July. The theme for the summer is Library Rocks.

The credit card has been returned to the Town Clerk, Melissa Boutin and needs to be cancelled.

The facebook page has been disabled but the website will stay up and the Friends group has graciously paid for it to be ad free.

VI. New Business:

a) Karen mentioned that it is sometimes rather difficult to post her agendas at the Post Office within the required timeframe as cannot always access the vestibule where notices are posted and the public doesn't have access to it either.

b) Applicants for Librarian position:

2 people have applied for the position, both have their degree in Library Science.

The first has had her move to Vermont postponed until September. Karen explained that this may not be a deal breaker for us and will call her to see if we can schedule a conference call for the board to speak with her.

The second applicant lives in Vermont. Karen will contact her to arrange for an interview, possibly on June 16th.

c) vacant trustee position-

3 people attended the meeting to express an interest in filling the vacant position, Flora Bell, Howard DeMars and Michael Inners. They were given a brief questionnaire about their interest in becoming a trustee and asked to return it. We had agreed to allow the position to remain advertised until the 15th and will discuss any applicants after that date.

Melissa has told us that whoever fills the position will fill the remainder of the vacant term until 2021.

If anyone involved with the Friends Group is chosen, that person would need to resign from the Friends of the Grand Isle Free Library.

Carolyn raised the question of whether or not the Selectboard needed to approve the applicant proposed by the Library Board to fill the vacancy. After a brief discussion and review of the paperwork Carolyn had provided, it appears that the library board will need to determine an applicant to be put forward for Selectboard approval.

d) Librarian's job description- Small changes were made to the job description.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, August 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate O'Neill
Secretary