

GRAND ISLE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes, December 11, 2017

Trustees Present: Carolyn McCray, Kate O'Neill, Colleen Bushway, Karen Allen and Diane Cota (arrived late)
Trustees Absent: None

Others present: Grand Isle Librarian, Kathy Tulissi

Friends of the Library representatives Barb Capen, Debbie Bedrin, Lucille Campbell and Stephanie Mazuzan

The meeting opened at 6:05 pm.

- I. Secretary's Report: Copies of the Minutes from the October 23, 2017 meeting were available, allowing time for the trustees to review and comment. Colleen moved to approve the Minutes as written; Carolyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- II. Treasurer's Report – There was a discussion regarding funds held in a People's United Bank (PUB) Certificate of Deposit (CD) that recently matured and the various rates and terms available at regional financial institutions. Kate moved that, rather than allow the PUB funds to automatically roll over, we take those funds and combine them with the recent Worthen donation and open a new CD at Northfield Savings Bank as it has a favorable interest rate. Karen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There was some question about the account held at Citizens Bank and whether it was a CD or money market checking account. Colleen will make inquiries and the trustees will discuss options at a later meeting.

The proposed 2018-2019 Library budget was reviewed. Kate moved to send the budget to the Town as written. Colleen seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed. Diane asked Kathy about the effectiveness of the heat pump. With the combination of heat pump and furnace, the library can maintain a comfortable temperature. Colleen noted that she will compare propane and electric bills from corresponding months over the past few years to determine the costs and/or savings from the heat pump installation. Karen moved to accept the Treasurer's report with a slight revision to the column titles within the report; Diane seconded. Motion carried.

- III. Librarian's Report: Kathy presented her Librarian's Report which included information about the new Interlibrary loan system. Kathy continues to work with other county librarians to plan a Job Fair for the Spring. She is also meeting with them to determine any interest in combining for 2018 programming through the Vermont Humanities Council. The request to the Town to allow for installation of a drop down movie screen has been approved. Purchase of the screen has been made possible through the Friends Group. Stephanie Mazuzan has donated her time to clean up and prime the Library entryway to allow for it to be painted. The old library computer had been offered for sale but there were no takers. Other options for lowering the price or offering it to another local organization were discussed. Colleen moved to accept the Librarian's Report as written; Diane seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- VI. New Business. Kate and Colleen gave a brief overview of the Annual Trustees and Friends conference that they attended in November, including rules regarding the protocol for public meetings and what is happening at other Vermont libraries.
- VII. Friends of the Library. Barb Capen raised the question of what the Trustees were doing regarding ideas and plans for a new library. She asked about the timing of presenting ideas to the Grand Isle residents. Diane noted that the

Planning Commission is looking at the possibility of repurposing the old Fire Station into a space for the library. The hope is that numbers and perhaps a preliminary schematic design will be available on or around the end of December. Several of the trustees agreed with Diane and pointed out that there is really nothing to present to the town residents at present. Even with regard to the possibility of combining with South Hero for a new library, the Grand Isle Trustees' request for their proposed operating budget numbers has not been granted and it will be critical to determine what the Grand Isle pro rata contribution to the annual operating budget would be in order to present the Grand Isle townspeople with all possible options for a new library and the associated budget amounts.

Barb suggested that it would be a good idea to follow up on Carolyn's idea from a previous meeting that a committee be formed to investigate all of the options for a new library. The committee could be made up of two representatives from the Library Board of Trustees, two from the Friends Group and two Town Residents, preferably with a relationship or patronage of the library. A meeting has been scheduled to brainstorm the committee idea and the public will be invited to participate to bring new ideas to the table. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8th at 6:00 pm at the Library.

VIII. Old Business. None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, February 12th at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Allen, Secretary