

GRAND ISLE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes, June 12, 2017

Trustees Present: Carolyn McCray, Kate O'Neill, Colleen Bushway, Karen Allen and Diane Cota

Trustees Absent: None

Others present: Friends of the Library representative Char Kennedy

The meeting opened at 6:06 pm.

- I. Friends of the Library. Char Kennedy attended the meeting as representative of the Friends of the Library. She updated the trustees on the status of the resident survey which has been mailed out. A notice will go out through Front Porch Forum and/or The Islander to alert residents to expect the survey and to request that it be completed and returned to provide input. Deb Bedrin had been involved with another nonprofit that was going to be ending and as a result, the Friends Group was able to be the recipient of several items no longer needed by the nonprofit.

Kate mentioned two fundraising ideas for the Friends Group – a quilt to be raffled off and the possibility of holding a Paint and Sip event, perhaps at The Hub where other similar events had been held.

- II. Secretary's Report: Copies of the Minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting were available, allowing time for the trustees to review and comment. Carolyn moved to approve the Minutes as written; Diane seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed. There was discussion about several of the line items, concerning the amounts already spent or to be spent by end of fiscal year. The amount allocated under the "cleaning" line item was to be re-allocated to programming and DVD purchase. Diane moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written; seconded by Carolyn. Motion carried.
- IV. Librarian's Report: In Kathy's absence, Kate presented the librarian's report which included information about summer reading program (Build a Better World) and the various programs scheduled. The library now has availability of e-books and e-audiobooks through One Click Digital. Kathy will post notices promoting the new catalog in Front Porch Forum, Facebook and The Islander.

A local author has offered the library an autographed copy of his new book. The trustees would like to accept this gracious offer and will highlight the book in the library. Based on patron interest, the library may also take the author up on his additional offer to do a book reading.

The family of Gail Sanford has provided a couple of ideas for the memorial donations being made in her name. The trustees have decided that the best option would be to purchase a number of books each year and include a bookplate in each to commemorate the memorial donation in Gail's name.

- VII. New Business.
 - a. The Policy for patron use of the various passes available through the library was discussed. The policy will be updated to include all of the passes available and will provide information about the use and return of the passes, including fees for late return or cost of replacement for lost passes.

b. Kate had updated the Five Year Plan based on the discussion held at the April meeting. The revision had been provided to the trustees and Colleen moved to approve the Five Year Plan as revised. Carolyn seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

VIII. Old Business. The board revisited the issue of Election of Treasurer for the board and discrepancies that Melissa noted in the process from the March election. Kate provided information she received by contacting J.P. Isabelle of the Vermont Secretary of State's office, Elections Division. Kate outlined the process by which the election of Treasurer was held and Mr. Isabelle confirmed that proper procedures were followed, the election was valid and that Colleen was the new board Treasurer.

Karen also provided documentation from her research into the Robert's Rules of Order sections dealing with the election of officers which were specific to the issues that Melissa had raised at the April meeting. Contrary to Melissa's assertion that a nominee for office was not allowed to vote, Robert's Rules of Order, Part I, Article VIII, Section 46 states "It is a general rule that no one can vote on a question in which he has a direct personal or pecuniary interest. Yet this does not prevent a member from voting for himself for any office or other position....."

With regard to Melissa's second claim that the election must result in a majority vote of the entire board number in order to be valid Robert's Rules of Order, Part I, Article VIII, Section 46 states "When a quorum is present, a majority vote, that is a majority of the votes cast, ignoring blanks, is sufficient for the adoption of any motion that is in order, except those mentioned in Section 48, which require a two-thirds vote." This is expanded upon in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief by Henry M. Robert III, William J. Evans, Daniel H. Honemann, and Thomas J. Balch which says "A majority vote is normally required to adopt a motion or to elect to office. It is defined as "*more than half* of the votes cast by persons legally entitled to vote, excluding blanks or abstentions, at a regular or properly called meeting at which a quorum is present." It continues in the next paragraph with "Only a majority of those *actually voting* is required."

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Allen, Secretary