

Grand Isle Free Library

10 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, Vermont

April 11, 2022

I. The meeting (in person and via zoom) was called to order at 6:04 pm by Karen Allen, Chair

Board Members Present: Karen Allen, Colleen Bushway, Kate O'Neill, and Glenda Leake

Howard DeMars joined at 6:07 pm

Library Director: Janet Bonneau

Community Member(s) Present: N/A

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed: Update from Planning Commission (Howard DeMars)

II. Secretary's Report

Minutes of the February 14, 2022 meeting: Copies of the minutes were available to review. Colleen moved to accept the minutes as written, Glenda seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting: Copies of the minutes were available to review. Colleen moved to accept the minutes as written, Glenda seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report

Colleen discussed the Treasurer's Report which was passed out to the board for review and discussion. Melissa has not given any salary information to Colleen. Colleen will contact Melissa again to try to get the information she needs to complete the Treasurer's Report. Automation expense was up a little but still within the budgeted amount. Janet is on track to spend down all funds assessed. The 2021 ARPA money appropriated to the library has been spent.

Kate moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Karen seconded, no further discussion and passed unanimously with Howard abstaining from the vote

IV. Library Director's Report

Janet presented the Library Director's report dated April 11, 2022, copies of which were sent to the board for review. The report was further explained by Janet. The HEART diaper program is a service-oriented program which the library director will administer. The "Knit for a Cause" program was explained and is off to a good start. The library will purchase additional snowshoes and bags with some of the available ARPA funding. The snowshoes will be more easily accessed by the patrons and will be easier to carry and store with the bags.

The Library is open per the COVID reopening plan and the town. Masks are no longer required to enter the library but are recommended. Janet will continue to monitor the state and library recommendations for COVID and will act accordingly.

V. New Business

Howard discussed the ARPA surveys results which indicated strong support for a new library. The funds may be used for the new library, and funds for first responders among other ideas indicated. The survey results and indications for town usage are still to be fully collated and ideas for use put forth.

a. Five Year Plan Discussion

Some of the ideas put forth:

Relations with the Friends Group to be promoted

Internet usage be expanded. The state will be checked to make more plans

An easel should be placed in the library for ideas from patrons for the 5-year plan

Get ideas from the survey, from more townspeople and from other libraries

The plan will continue to be worked on.

V. Old Business

a. and b. were discussed previously.

VI. Adjourn

The next meeting will be June 13th at 6 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. by Karen. The motion to adjourn was made by Glenda and seconded by Kate. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Leake

Secretary