

## GRAND ISLE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes, February 12, 2018

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

Trustees Absent: None

Others present: Grand Isle Librarian, Kathy Tulissi; Flora Bell (town resident)

The meeting opened at 6:04 pm.

- I. Secretary's Report: Copies of the Minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting were available, allowing time for the trustees to review and comment. Carolyn moved to approve the Minutes as written; Colleen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- II. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed. Colleen provided one sheet with end of fiscal year second quarter information and another with information as of the end of January 2018. Beginning in January, a separate line item for donations would be included in the revenue section of the report. Karen asked about the Citizens Bank account information, whether it is a Certificate of Deposit or Money Market account. Colleen will contact the bank to determine that information. Carolyn suggested that, rather than keep all the funds in bank accounts or CDs, some of the monies could be invested through a financial advisor in an effort to have a better rate of return. She provided the name of someone she knows through the South Hero Church that could be of help if we decided to move in that direction. Diane asked if the town needs to vote should the Library want to use larger monetary donations. Colleen will research that question. Kate moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written; Carolyn seconded. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report: Kathy presented her Librarian's Report which included information about upcoming area job fairs. There is one tentatively scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Grand Isle School and another on February 17<sup>th</sup> at the North Hero Business Expo. The North Hero Librarian is accepting donations of business related clothing and child care arrangements are being arranged so that folks can check out jobs online or speak with others without having to worry about their children.

Research is being made in anticipation of the purchase of a new printer for the Library. Jim Hoag and Michael Inners are providing suggestions about recommended brand(s). Diane noted that the cost of ink should be considered in addition to the initial cost of the printer as some less expensive models have ink that is rather costly to replace. The purchase is being funded by the Friends Group, which also recently purchased a Projector Screen and box of printer paper for the Library. Thank you to this group for its generosity and support.

The Interlibrary Loan Courier System is scheduled to start this week. Delivery/Pickup will be once a week, on Tuesdays. Colleen moved to accept the Librarian's Report as written; Kate seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- VI. New Business. Kate mentioned that the Library Board might want to consider moving the meeting time from 6:00 to 6:30 pm. She had not realized how difficult it might be for Karen (or any other trustees) to make it back to Grand Isle from Burlington after a full work day in time for a 6:00 pm meeting. Karen suggested that the discussion be tabled until the April meeting as she is up for re-election and, should she be unsuccessful, it would not be fair for the new board of five to have to meet at a time revised to accommodate her schedule.
- VII. Exploratory Task Force. No members of the Library investigative committee other than the two Library Board representatives were in attendance. Colleen and Carolyn provided an update following the committee's February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Information is being posted by committee members on Front Porch Forum and in other venues to

make the general public aware of the fact that this committee has been formed, listing the names of the members involved and providing an overview of the goals of the committee. Information is/will be provided on the tasks/responsibilities of each member and what is being done in an effort to gather information on the options available and questions involved.

VIII. Friends of the Library. There were no representatives in attendance.

IX. Old Business. None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Allen, Secretary