

## GRAND ISLE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes, June 13, 2016

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

Trustees Absent: None

Others present: Grand Isle Town Clerk Melissa Boutin and Friends of the Library – Pat Gonyo and Char Kennedy

The meeting opened at 6:05.

- I. Out of respect for the Town Clerk's time, the meeting began with information from Melissa as to the total funds available to the library. The discussion included a summary of what part the town itself plays in the library funding and also what monies are held through that office versus those held directly by the trustees. There was discussion regarding revenue/expenses and also the question of whether ours is a municipal vs. public library and what that determination might mean with regard to policy and personnel decisions.
- II. Friends of the Library. Char provide a brief summary of the status of the Friends of the Library including membership and information about the upcoming book sale. The sale is to be held on the weekend of July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Gail Horne has arranged for a banner to be made which can be used from year to year. The donation of used books has been quite successful, so much so that no further donations can be taken. There is however a dire need for tables on which the books can be organized and displayed.

In addition to the upcoming book sale, the Friends group is working to apply for 501(c)(3) determination for the entity which would allow donations to be tax deductible.
- III. Secretary's Report: Copies of the Minutes from the April 11, 2016 meeting were available, allowing time for the trustees to review and comment. Kate moved to approve the Minutes as written; Carolyn seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed. Kate moved to accept the report as written; Diane seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- V. Librarian's Report: Kathy Tulissi was absent but had e-mailed her report to the trustees in anticipation of the meeting. The report provided an update on the transfer of the library catalog to Destiny and also the library's recent purchase of a projector to allow for future movie nights. A current schedule of the summer reading program was provided with events through mid-August.
- VI. The Trustees were contacted by the North Hero Library Trustees to ask about our interest in attending their July meeting to open discussion of the benefits of possibly combining forces on certain items. Economy of scale might be achieved from joint programming or coordinating guest speakers to reduce the cost of travel time. In the past, the two libraries have made short term loans of VHS tapes to allow

for broader use; perhaps this could once again happen with the DVDs and audiobooks in an effort to share resources. Other options might include an inter-library reading group or art/writing classes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 8th.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Allen, Secretary