

GRAND ISLE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes, August 14, 2017

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

Trustees Absent: Diane Cota

Others present: Grand Isle Librarian, Kathy Tulissi, Friends of the Library representative Barb Capen, Fred Sanford and his daughter Dawn Weening

The meeting opened at 6:02 pm.

- I. Friends of the Library. Barb Capen attended the meeting as representative of the Friends of the Library. She presented a summary of the recent survey results. The group went through the survey questions and were given the breakdown of replies for each question and accompanying respondent comments. There were just over 100 responses with the majority being year round residents and aged 55 years or older.
- II. Fred Sanford and his daughter Dawn attended the meeting to discuss the possible options for the memorial donations being made in Gail's name. Their initial thought was to provide a scholarship of some sort, perhaps associated with Special Ed as that was Gail's field. The current total of donations made to the Library was approximately \$2,065. That does not include any donations made directly to the Friends of the Library. The Friends Group is currently looking at providing scholarships with their memorial gifts and it was suggested that the donations made to the Library could be combined with those made to the Friends Group for their scholarship program. Fred and Dawn expressed approval of the suggestion to combine the memorial donations and to provide opportunities such as camp type activities, etc. for those in Special Ed.

Kate made the motion that the current and future memorial donations made in Gail Sanford's name be transferred to the Friends of the Library to be used for their scholarship program. Upon seconding, passed unanimously.
- III. Secretary's Report: Copies of the Minutes from the June 12, 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.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed. There was discussion which included conversation about the approximately \$2,900 of funds in the checking account that had been raised through means other than the town budget. Kate moved to transfer those funds to the Library money market account where some interest might be earned. Colleen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Kate moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written; seconded by Carolyn. Motion carried.
- V. Librarian's Report: Kathy presented her Librarian's Report which included information about the summer reading program (Build a Better World) and the popularity of the various programs. In general, the Summer Reading Program has been fairly successful with attendance up from previous years. The library's availability of e-books and e-audiobooks through One Click Digital has been slow to gain popularity even though it is being widely publicized; however, numbers are improving. The Library has recently had many new patrons sign up from South Hero and North Hero. Colleen moved to accept the Librarian's report as written; seconded by Carolyn. Motion carried.
- VI. New Business. None.

VIII. Old Business.

- a. Kate had provided a copy of the Policy Manual of The Pierson Library in Shelburne to be used as a sample as the Trustees work to revised and update the Grand Isle Free Library policies. It was suggested that the Georgia Library might also have information worth reviewing. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting to allow for further investigation.
- b. The Library Park Policies will be reviewed at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2017 in consideration of the Columbus Day Holiday and to avoid conflict with regularly scheduled Selectboard meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Allen, Secretary