

Grand Isle Free Library
10 Hyde Road, Grand Isle, Vermont

February 13, 2023

I. The meeting (in person and via zoom) was called to order at 6:09 pm by Karen Allen, Chair

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

Library Director: Janet Bonneau

Community Member(s) Present: N/A

Amend Agenda for Matters Not Listed: N/A

II. Secretary's Report

Minutes of the December 12, 2022 meeting: Copies of the minutes were available to review. Howard moved to accept the minutes, Colleen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the December 28, 2022 meeting: Copies of the minutes were available to review. Howard moved to accept the minutes, Kate seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report

Colleen discussed the Treasurer's Report which was passed out to the board for review and discuss. Colleen contacted Melissa and got the information she needed to complete the Treasurer's Report. Some of the items from New Business were discussed. See below.

Howard moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented and explained by Colleen, Kate seconded, no further discussion and passed unanimously.

IV. Library Director's Report

Janet presented the Library Director's Report dated February 13, 2023 copies of which were sent to the board in advance for review. The report was further explained by Janet.

The library held a Paint and Tea event in January, in the Community Room of the Fire Station. It was a great success. AnnaMarie DeMars provided the refreshments for the afternoon. We had 17 attendees with many expressing a desire to participate in future Paint and Tea sessions. There is already a waiting list for future events and it is hoped that some of those who could not attend the January event will be able to be included in the future.

Janet described the upcoming Poetry Reading, currently scheduled for April, which is also to be held at the Fire Station Community Room. Janet might invite book stores and media along with the public to the upcoming Poetry Reading.

AnnaMarie also made the Valentine give-aways of sweet treats which were given to adult patrons of the library. Since it is unlikely that AnnaMarie will accept payment for making the goodies, a gift card will be obtained and given to her in thanks. A motion to give the gift card was made by Colleen and seconded by Glenda. There was no further discussion, With Howard abstaining, the motion passed. The gift card will be obtained by Janet and paid for by the library.

A thought to tie in the theme of the book club (Louise Penny's Still Life), perhaps a painting of three pines, may be suggested for the next Paint and Tea.

V. New Business

a. Certificate of Deposit (CD)-maturity date

Colleen reported that the CD from Northfield Savings matures 2/15/2023. After much discussion it was decided that we would request that the bank not renew the CD. Northfield offered a rate of 1.24% for 18 months. There seem to be better rates out there. There may be a cap of \$250,000 which would entail two CD's being acquired. Karen will do more investigating and will bring her findings to the April meeting. We will hold the funds that had been in the Northfield Savings Bank CD until more information is obtained.

b. Paint & Tea event

Discussed in the Library Director's report

c. All Things Chocolate event – stipend

Discussed in the Library Report

VI. Old Business

a. Strategic Planning – any updates

Tabled to April meeting

VII. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Kate and seconded by Glenda. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm by Karen. The next meeting will be March 13 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Leake

Secretary