

GRAND ISLE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes, June 12, 2023

Trustees Present: Howard DeMars, Kate O'Neill, Colleen Bushway, Glenda Leake and Karen Allen
Trustees Absent: None

Others present: Grand Isle Free Library Director, Janet Bonneau; Friends of the Library member Alice Dunn

The meeting opened at 6:02 pm.

- I. Friends of the Library: Alice Dunn, a member of The Friends of the Library, provided information on an upcoming fundraising event. The Friends are planning to hold a combination craft/book/tag sale on Wednesday, July 19th. The event will be held outdoors, from 3-7 pm at St. Joseph's Church in Grand Isle, to correspond with the Farmer's Market going on at the same time in South Hero. They will be advertising for vendors who would be charged \$25 for a space at the event. Vendors would be asked to pay \$10 up front, which amount would be refunded if the event was canceled due to bad weather. The Friends are hoping that at least 20 vendors register, in order to make the event a success.
- II. Secretary's Report:
 - a. Copy of the Minutes from the April 10, 2023 meeting had been provided to the board, allowing time for the trustees to review and comment. Glenda moved to approve the Minutes as written; Colleen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion carried.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Colleen provided the Treasurer's report which included amounts paid in June as we are nearing the end of the Library's fiscal year. There was discussion about some of the individual budget line items to explain how amounts paid by The Friends of the Library are reflected in the budget. The cost of books is reflected in the budget of the fiscal year in which they are ordered as opposed to date of delivery.

Janet had a question about gap medical coverage that might be available to her. There was a brief discussion of the various gap coverage plans available for those on Medicare and it was suggested that Janet reach out to the town clerk to see if she might have any options to share. Kate moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written; Glenda seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Library Director's Report: Janet and Colleen collaborated on the Report as it included the period of time that Janet was away on medical leave and Colleen was running the Library. The Library Director Report discussed the Overdrive system and patron access to the Libby app. It also updated the board on the most recent Paint & Tea event, upcoming summer reading program and Champlain Valley Fair Read & Win Program. The Grand Isle Free Library has not participated in the Fair program for the past several years, mostly due to COVID restrictions but there is hopeful anticipation that children will register to take part this year, allowing them to receive a free Fair pass, ride, book and ice cream if they complete the task of reading 3 books within the specified time frame.

IV. New Business – Municipal Building Update: Howard provided a bit of background on the Grand Isle Planning Commission's work over the past year to determine the best use of the ARPA funding awarded to the town. The process included a survey of Grand Isle residents to seek their input on possible uses. The Planning Commission relayed their findings to the Selectboard – these included a suggestion that the bulk of the ARPA funds be used toward the construction of a new municipal building which could house the Town Clerk Office, Library and a Community Space. In conjunction with this suggestion, an application was submitted for a municipal grant for the planning phase of a new municipal building. Using the ARPA funds toward this new building would allow those funds to be leveraged with other monies to provide the biggest bang for the buck.

The Selectboard has taken no action on the Planning Commission's recommendation and members of the Planning Commission will be attending the June 19th Selectboard meeting to discuss this issue further. Howard has suggested that it might be beneficial to have members of the Library Board in attendance at that meeting to show support for the recommendation of use of ARPA funds for a new municipal building. Alice mentioned that she would pass this along to the Friends of the Library to allow their members to attend the meeting, to show additional support.

V. Old Business.

a. The Vermont Library Association Needs Assessment was submitted on time; it will be added to the calendar for next year to make sure that all information is in hand to submit in a timely manner.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm upon motion by Glenda and seconding by Colleen. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 14th at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Allen, Secretary