

Grand Isle Free Library
10 Hyde Road
Grand Isle Vermont
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 12, 2024

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Howard DeMars.

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

Board Members Absent: none

Community Member(s) Present: Janet Bonneau, Library Director (via Zoom) and Susan Willard

II. Secretary's Report:

a. Copy of the minutes from the December 11, 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; Kate seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Passed unanimously.

b. Copy of the Minutes from the January 15, 2024 meeting had been provided to the board for review. Howard moved to approve the Minutes as written; Glenda seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Passed unanimously.

c. Copy of the Minutes from the February 4, 2024 meeting had been provided to the board for review. Kate moved to approve the Minutes as written; Howard seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report – Colleen provided the Treasurer's report which included the numbers wrapping up the first and second quarters of the current fiscal year and also the amounts for January 2024. There was a reference to a \$27 charge which had been included in the income section rather than as an expense. Colleen will make that change on both versions (Q1 & Q2 and also January 2024) and send a corrected report to the board. Glenda moved to accept the Treasurer's Report with the changes related to the \$27 charge; Howard seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

IV Library Director's Report: Janet provided an update on recent library events . Emily Rich has planned a number of events for 2024; these will be held on Saturday mornings at the Fire Station Community Space. Adam White will add the events to the Fire Department calendar closer to each event date. Emily has been managing the Library facebook page for youth programming. Most recently, there was a Valentine's Day card making and cookie decorating event held on Saturday, February 10th.

Emily has applied for the Vermont Certificate of Public Librarianship and will begin courses

this year. Janet is hoping that the library may be able to support Emily in her endeavors, perhaps with mileage and/or course fee assistance.

Karen asked about the status of the Paint and Tea program and possible future Book Club meetings. Janet suggested that the Paint and Tea sessions could begin again at the end of winter/early spring. Possible books for a Book club meeting are being considered. Timing to be determined.

V. New Business:

- a. There was a discussion about the Grand Isle Planning Commission's intention to apply for Library Capital Project Grant Funding. There have been recent meetings between the Planning Commission and Library board; and also with the Selectboard. This is a wonderful opportunity to apply for ARPA funds that could be used toward new construction of a library with a special emphasis on internet access for work, school and health. A working group with two Planning Commissions and two Library trustees has been formed to work on the application, which is due by March 12th. Letters of Support will be needed as part of the application and various groups may be asked to assist on this item. Colleen would like to stay involved in the process of working toward a new library building even though her term as Library Trustee ends in March. That was encouraged by all in attendance.
- b. Zoom meeting cloud storage - The possibility of increasing the amount of cloud storage for Zoom meetings was discussed. Currently, the library is able to store recordings for about 13 meetings which amounts to roughly 80% of available storage. The cost of various storage capacity increases was discussed but the current amount of storage was considered sufficient. Howard made a motion to keep 12 months of meetings in cloud storage. Karen seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business.

- a. None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm upon motion by Glenda and seconding by Kate. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Allen, Secretary