

Friends of the Galway Public Library Minutes
February 17, 2015
Galway Town Hall

Present:, Bill Bateman, Ardeth Deay, Sharyn Kalinkewicz, Laura Sakala and Kristen Anuszewski

Absent: Linda Jackowski, Jon Prasek, Amanda Ferraro

The meeting was called to order by Laura Sakala at 7:05 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion made by Bill and seconded by Kristen was passed to accept the January minutes as presented.

TREASURERS REPORT

- Sheelagh Bailey has offered to give new property owners' membership to FGPL
- Membership: has increased by 10 from this time last year
- Donations--up by \$185 from last year

LIBRARY LIASION:

Liaison Report to FOGPL - 17February2015

From the Board of Trustees meeting 21Jan15:

Bill Bateman discussed the FOGPL's donating \$1,000 for use by the Capital Campaign Steering Committee. After discussion it was decided a better way to proceed would be a lump sum donation, rather than the FOL reimbursing a committee member's expenditure. The trustees board will discuss details and let Bill know what they are.

New Building – Fred Bailey. Need to meet with Bill Hyde of the village and a school representative – who will take the lead on the capital project for new lib.

PR chair – still vacant

Library Development – Barb Germain is home ill. Arlene reported about the public mtg on Jan 6. 12 people signed up for committees, but not for the 4 main fund raising committees. Another meeting Feb 11, 2015, 7 p.m., Town Hall. Barb working to get a brochure created by a class at Shen HS. Ardeth Deay will work on foundation funding. Case statement almost done. Next mtg 28Jan15 – to work on list. Nancy Myers Preston wants to speak w/board soon re amt of bond issue.

Dockstader House – Informal estimate for selling price made (mid \$40 s). Unknown if board has authority to sell it.

Maintenance person - Jeff Hentnik was interviewed and references checked. Lives close by, works nights. \$12/hr. Start tomorrow. Civil Serv position.

SALS Technology grant – got partial

Mary Lynn elected as Secretary. This leaves VP slot opened. Fred Bailey elected to VP.

Mark Pribis – formally removed as Treasurer. Sue Stewart selected to start effective 21Jan15.

Volunteer reception – Currently held in winter. Discussion about having it in spring/summer.

In-library donation bookshelf book sales – are these sales taxable. Motion to change “donation” to “sale” and pay NYS sales tax (annually). Director prices at discretion. Discussion about possibly selling books on Amazon.com. Was done in the past, but curtailed.

Nancy Myers Preston will attend the regular board meeting on 18Feb15. That’s a workshop meeting.

Michol will attend two events: Advocacy, and Summer Reading.

From the Board of Trustees meeting 5Feb15:

Director’s Report

Winnie the Pooh day very successful.

A gentleman did a great program, and volunteered to do a full week kid program during school break. Michol wants to make him a sub-clerk.

Correspondence

Jim reported an anonymous donor (previous donations) is interested in donating again. He and Arlene will go visit him.

Misc:

Materials for the blind & delivery of materials to shut-ins – possible Friends project – get more detail from Barb.

Library Development

Barb notes the next meeting for volunteers for capital campaign committee will be Feb 11 at Town Hall. 7 p.m.

Fred said the steering committee got as far as C’s for “ask amounts”. Arlene asked if names of those who “pledged” amounts can get into the DB and be “known” (but not publicized).

Public Relations

Still need a chair for that committee. Does not have to be a board member.

Dockstader House

Wording received. OK to move forward with sale.

Unfinished Business

Bonding through the School

Fred to ask school officials for info. Together with Jim. Info needed: who will own the property during the duration of the bond, etc. Needed to get case statements.

Date and amount of new building referendum

Motion: Amt = 1.8 mil. / Date: 29 Sep 15

Need 3 months to publicize. Notice needs be made 45 days in advance.

Resolution Open Board Seats/Consider Reduction to a 7 member Board

Jim so moves. Carried. 2 vacant seats now. Quorum was 5, and on some votes 6 were needed. Now, with fewer members it will be easier to get quorum, etc. Other boards in the town having similar problems getting board members. The legal standing of this was researched by Board's lawyer. Next need legalize. Need a document printed and signed by Mary Lynn, etc.

Resolution Sale of Dockstader Property

Motion to sell, then list, then Arlene to accept offer.

Phyllis Ryan did a market analysis for free. She will list (Caldwell) it too. Phyllis bracketed list price: \$42.9 and \$44.9K. Motion passed to so list – Arlene to do.

Michol: Collection management services: Info in her report for this meeting (Proposals_Feb_Board_Meeting_02032015.docx). She likes one service that is “gentle”. After discussion, tabled (for good reason). Neil observed that now is not good timing because we will soon go to the community for the referendum. Neil moved to postpone to a future date.

OLD BUSINESS

- Bean bag chairs tabled
- Bins from Target tabled
- New membership chair Kristen
- Audit tabled

NEW BUSINESS

- Taste of Wine: Bill will check with Rick for date (preferably Tuesday, June 9); once date set, will begin advertising
- Recovery Room: need date set, then advertise in Get Together and other places, e.g. send fliers to elementary school and Adirondack Library

System; Proceeds to Capital Campaign?

- Bill suggested that we consider a dining out night for area restaurants, with percent to us
- Businesses sell gift certificates for \$25.00 with \$5.00 to us
- Bill will talk to Michol and draft procedures for providing library materials for the Blind and homebound; perhaps Teen Volunteers or members of the Honor Society could pick-up and deliver items borrowed?? Joanne Donnan is faculty contact
- Honor Society help for book sales?
- Sharyn made a motion, seconded by Kristen, that we accept Diane Seney's resignation as member of the Board as of 2/17/15, with many thanks for her service; motion passed

Next meeting: March 17, 2015, 7PM at the Town Hall.

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ardeth Deay, Secretary