

Friends of the Galway Public Library Minutes
January 18, 2017
Cock N Bull Restaurant

Present: Bill Bateman, Ardeth Deay, Sharyn Kalinkewicz, Barbara Bolton, Amanda Ferraro, Kristen Anuszewski,

Absent: Linda Jackowski, Laura Sakala,

The meeting was called to order by Amanda, at 7 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion made by Sharyn and seconded by Kristen to accept the November minutes as corrected. Passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

- Monthly report presented
- \$1,000 grant received from Milton Family Fund Trust; Ardeth will send thank you.
- Amanda made a motion to move Milton Fund monies from the BSNB checking account to the Capital One Furniture Account. Kristen seconded; Passed
- Sharyn returned old individual pledge forms and distributed new forms to be filled out and returned to her (to support new library after referendum passes)
- FGPL pledged \$300, in memory of Ann David; more to be added for naming, if necessary.
- Kristen made a motion, seconded by Barb, for FGPL to pledge \$15,000 to the new library.
- December Book Sale netted \$485. Discussion of possible ways to distribute donated books: mini-sales of themed books (romance, mysteries); sale to big buyers only when shed is getting full.

LIBRARY LIASION

- Liaison Report to FOL – 2017-01-18: From BOT minutes for Nov 2016:
- Director's Report: ... increase In use of library by all ages of publics
- Advertisements are out for new staff member with technical skill; additional Board Member, volunteers
- **Building and Grounds:** Donna reported work done on Door installation, one hole in decking repaired and strip of paint added to indicate change in elevation from one deck to another, work in garden done, Paul Foust donated work and lumber on steps to storage area.
- Fred Baily was nominated as Acting Chairman and Acting CFO by the Board as a result of the retirement of Jim Hodsoll ; Approved by full Board.
- Special Meeting - November 11, 2016: Meeting called especially to review the results of the Nov. 2 Community Meeting survey.
- **Review of Community Meeting :** Concerning the results of Community Members discussion: Everyone seemed to agree that we (and our earlier committee who reviewed

the available sites) made the right decision –although several thought we might reconsider the decision based on the availability of the fire-house property. Several were concerned about the apparent limited parking in the newly proposed plan-They were assured that there was more parking available, although not shown in the site plan. Several regretted the lack of a break room for staff. Suggested several possible “options” that might cut down size of one area to shift it to another. (Since we feel that also, they were reminded that this was a “working” proposal – and would be modified where we could.) Discussion of the options for publicity that were available to us – among them a larger article In the *Galway Get –Together*, the WEB site, School Newsletter, Town Newsletter (although it is made difficult by spatial restrictions) PTSA meetings and newsletter, going to smaller groups.

OLD BUSINESS

- Taste of Chocolate: Sylvia and Margie will run the front table; Barb McKean will oversee the book auction; Bill--PR; Sharyn will check supplies and get starting cash.
- Taste of Chocolate: cafeteria manager needs to know what we need two weeks ahead
- Bill will sell coffee, milk, and water.
- Drop off of items at noon; set-up at noon.

NEW BUSINESS

- Library request for funds to purchase magnets with hours and email address; agreed to fund up to \$200 toward them.
- Amanda reported that a meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26 at the school to continue planning for a Color Run in the spring. This will be a joint endeavor by the school and the FGPL.
- Discussed possible dates for Wine Tasting. Bill will talk to Rick Sleeper about dates available for event.

Adjourned,

Next meeting: February 21, 2017, 7 PM at the Galway Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Ardeth Deay, Secretary