

Friends of the Galway Public Library Minutes
January 21, 2014
Galway Town Hall

Present:, Ardeth Deay, Jon Prasek, Linda Jackowski, Sharyn Kalinkewicz, Dot Gray, Barb McKean, Amanda Ferraro.

Absent: Bill Bateman, Laura Sakala

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Ferraro at 7:00pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion made by Jon and seconded by Lin was passed to accept the November minutes as presented. Passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer's report was submitted. A motion was made by Barb, seconded by Dot, to accept the report as presented. Passed.

The December Book Sale cleared \$335.00

A discussion followed re: auditing the books for FGPL, as they have not been reviewed during Sharyn's tenure as treasurer. Amanda will ask Cassandra (library's bookkeeper) if she could/would undertake this for us.

Sharyn spoke to Jim about the cost of cleaning services, as the library did not request any funds to pay for cleaning this past year. Jim has agreed to keep track of cleaning expenses and up-date on this. Meanwhile, we unanimously voted to give the library a check for \$400 (\$800 is budgeted for this) for cleaning over the next six months.

Sharyn reported several recent donations of fifty dollars or more, which seem to be in support of our new library efforts. Also, several membership renewals have come in from former members who hadn't renewed in the past several years.

LIBRARY LIASION

OCTOBER 17 IS THE TENTATIVE DATE FOR THE LIBRARY REFERENDUM.

VOLUNTEER RECEPTION IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 15.

- Library purchased a new vacuum cleaner, which works well.
- The new building committee is continuing their investigation into possible sources of funding.
- The State minimum raise is now \$8.25 per hour. Adjustments in wages have been made accordingly.
- The position of Library Director has been advertised; twenty applications were received; the Board is in the process of interviewing top candidates.
- Jim Cromie is providing pro bono legal services to the library for regular library business.

OLD BUSINESS

A tentative date of Thursday, April 3 was set for a fundraiser at The Recovery Room in Amsterdam (second choice Thursday, May 1st.) We would be responsible for distributing coupons around the community and then get a percentage of the proceeds from dinners of patrons presenting coupons that night. Amanda will contact The Recovery Room to confirm a date and get the coupons.

A tentative date for a June Wine Tasting was set as Tuesday, June 10th. Amanda will contact Bill re: connecting with Rick.

A thank you note from the Board of Trustees for our help and participation in the community celebration of the land purchase for the new library was read.

NEW BUSINESS

Possibilities for a fundraiser involving e-recycling were discussed. Lin will check to see if any school groups are planning to do e-recycling this year.

Sharyn made a motion to remove Sylvia Epranian's name as a signer from all Ballston Spa National Bank accounts and replace with Amanda Ferraro, the newly elected Chair of Friends of Galway Public Library. Ardeth Deay and Sharyn Kalinkewicz will remain on all accounts as signers. Linda Jackowski seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ardeth Deay, Secretary