

Friends of the Galway Public Library Minutes
November 18, 2014
Galway Town Hall

Annual Business Meeting

Present: Bill Bateman, Ardeth Deay, Dot Gray, Amanda Ferraro, Barb McKean, Jon Prasek, Sharyn Kalinkewicz. Also present: Diane Seney, Kristen Anuszewiki, Jeanne Frank, Evelyn Hanna, Virginia Sawicki, and Margie Prasek

Absent: Linda Jackowski, Laura Sakala

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion made by Jon and seconded by Dot was passed to accept the October minutes as presented.

ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS;

Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws was presented:

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Friends of the Galway Public Library.
(Changes in italics)

Be it moved that Article IV. No. 3, **Terms of Office:** be amended to read: "Terms of officers and Members-at-Large shall be no more than three consecutive years in any one position. *A term may be extended beyond three years by a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee members.*

Proposed change was passed unanimously.

Proposed budget for 2015 was presented, discussed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TOC: Income \$657.00 and book auction \$40.00, additional funds from TOC outstanding from library sales.

November Book Sale: \$544.75 and book auction \$32.00

LIBRARY LIASION:

For 6th Nov, 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting

In chronological order from the meeting:

Mary Cuffe Perez asked if there was another way to get the Galway Get Together (GGT) printed other than Margie Prasek. After discussion, the topic was completed without resolution.

Two trustee board members are resigning: Sue Stewart and Cathryn Hunt. New members are needed. The board needs a new treasurer.

Library Director Michol Tuttle was attending a NYLA meeting, and not at this board meeting.

Therefore, many business items she submitted in writing were tabled or sent to committee.

Two challenge grants from SALS are available, and the deadline for filing is near. No immediate action taken.

New Library - progress on building, and site.

Barb Germain reported that committees are to be formed soon, and members solicited, for various aspects of the new library, under the leadership of consultant Nancy Meyers-Preston. Marsha Boelio will gain consensus for a meeting date in late Nov. or Dec. to accomplish this.

A rule for "children of staff in the workplace" was discussed with input from the chair of the personnel committee. The topic was sent back to the committee for further work.

About \$450 was approved for installation of an outdoor light on the back (South-East) corner of the library. It will be activated by an outdoor timer and installed by Fred Sutch.

A mission statement for the Library was approved.

Some library sub-clerk positions will be eliminated and others created. There will be no net effect on total employees or finances.

The library will re-institute the program of giving surplus books to the Food Pantry, where they will be available for free to patrons there.

The library will pay \$75 annually to be a member of the "Grant Connection". This organization will give the library more and more timely information about grants that are available to libraries.

The Galway Preservation Society (GPS) is publishing a new book about Galway in the early 20th century. The GPS will be onsite at the library a few times in December to sell the books for \$40.

Dusty Rhodes donated several wooden easels to the library.

The raffle of the art horse will take place in December 2014, and the proceeds now are over \$1,000.

OLD BUSINESS

- Children's VHS tapes are gone.
- Two bean bag chairs were purchased for the library.
- Discussed options for a floor plan for future book sales to expedite set-up of books.
- Jon will contact Target re: 100 bins (pitch the lids).
- Signs on roads were successful in drawing people to the book sale at the Town Hall.
- Suggestion: make more signs and two sandwich boards for future book sales. Tabled discussion of details for January meeting.
- Advertising: some people said they didn't know about book sale; Diane will call other libraries to find out how they advertise; fliers can be put in SALS bin to be delivered to other libraries.
- Dot will send a list of the places she puts fliers to Bill.

NEW BUSINESS

Thanks were appreciatively given to Dot Gray and Barb McKean for their many years of faithful service to FGPL.

Slate of Officers for 2015 submitted by Membership Chair:

Amanda Ferraro: Chair

Laura Sakala: Vice Chair

Sharyn Kalinkewicz: Treasurer

Ardeth Deay: Secretary

Members-at-large: Bill Bateman, Jon Prasek, Diane Seney, Kristen Anuszewski,
Linda Jackowski

No nominations were made from the floor.

As Secretary, I cast one vote for the slate of officers presented by the Membership Chair.

Amanda reported that Michol would like us to partner with the library for a STEAM Legos grant. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the Galway Central School would be a more appropriate partner and said suggestion would be conveyed to Michol.

A discussion, led by Bill, as a member of the Maintenance and Grounds Committee, concluded with a decision that FGPL would like right of first refusal for library discards, but the library should not assume we will take everything, i.e. in the future discards will be decided upon on an individual basis.

Bill is working on finding an on-line collaborative discussion group, which he will send to us as a trial.

Next meeting: January 20, 2015, 7PM at the Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn made by Dot, seconded by Jon, was passed.

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ardeth Deay, Secretary