

FRIENDS OF THE GALWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board Meeting Minutes: May 15, 2012
Galway Town Hall – 7 PM

PRESENT:

Sylvia Epranian – Chair
Sharyn Kalinkewicz – Treasurer
Nanci Wilson – Secretary

Amanda Ferraro – Member at Large
Ardeth Deay – Member at Large
Bill Bateman – Member at Large
Dot Gray – Member at Large
Jon Prasek – Member at Large

ABSENT:

Ann David – Vice Chair
Linda Jackowski – Member at Large

OTHERS PRESENT:

Margie Prasek {GPL Board of Trustees Liaison}

Chair Sylvia Epranian called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes from the April 17, 2012 meeting were sent via e-mail on April 24, 2012, along with the Amendments to the February & March Minutes. On May 11, 2012, an addendum to the April 17, 2012 minutes was also sent via e-mail. A motion was made by Dot Gray to accept the Secretary's Report with the two (2) amendments and addendum, seconded by Amanda Ferraro. Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A copy of the April and May Treasurer's Report was received from Sharyn Kalinkewicz and filed. A motion was made by Nanci Wilson to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Sylvia Epranian. Motion was carried.

- Sharyn reported that we received \$190 because of a 'nice' sale of books where the books were sold to a Book Dealer.

LIBRARY LIAISON, Margie Prasek's REPORT:

- Galway Public Library Board had three (3) meetings this month
- Press Release for the June 5, 2012 vote was handed out to all FOL Board Members present
- Library Board has requested that the FOL call voters to remind them to vote

- Still looking at property
 - Chuck's property is not an option because of the asking price
 - School has not gotten back in touch with the Library Board
 - Board has also looked at the Michalski Property; across from St. Mary's Catholic Church (East St, Galway, NY). The School District must have a referendum before we can spend village money. Board is looking into what other testing has to be done on the property and if they can find someone who would do it for free
 - In the New Library Budget, the Library Board is requesting \$0.015 cents per thousand assessed property value.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON, Ann David's REPORT:

No report as Ann David is on a medical leave of absence

OLD BUSINESS:

- Shed
 - Jon Prasek informed us that he had just found out that the shed must be 15' from the back property of the library. With there being only 25' from the building to the back fence, and the shed is 16'; we will need a variance from the village in order to place the shed. Jon is working on getting that variance.
- Galway Library Vote on June 5, 2012
 - Sylvia Epranian handed out to all FOL Board Members a copy of the Library Press Release and also a calling list of voters the friends need to call to remind them of the vote. (Nanci Wilson was given Linda Jackowski's list to be e-mailed to her) Calls should be made on June 3rd or 4th. The vote is June 5, 2012 from Noon to 9PM at the Galway Public Library.
 - There are four (4) spots open on the Galway Library Board with one (1) of them being a 'write-in'.

NEW BUSINESS:

- G-mail Account – Bill Bateman set up a new G-Mail account for the Friends of the Galway Library. The Executive Board of the Friends were sent, via e-mail, information on how to access and use the new G-Mail account. Bill will be able to send e-mails out to all the Friends of the Library members who have supplied us with their e-mail addresses.
- Family Fun Day – the FOL Board decided that we will not be participating in this event this year
- We need to think of new Fundraisers
 - Sylvia Epranian brought up possibly having a 'Wine Tasting' fundraiser as a library in a remote area of California had one and raised \$10,000.

- It was suggested we possibly could have it at the Cock n' Bull or Bob's Trees
 - Get donations from local Liquor Stores
- Motion was made by Dot Gray to give the Galway Public Library \$75.00 to purchase 'goodies' for their Open House on May 28, 2012, seconded by Amanda Ferraro. Motion was passed.
- Election Inspector – Dinner Hour
 - Sharyn brought up that since there are only two (2) people working the polls, arrangements had to be made to bring them dinner. Sylvia will vote at the dinner hour, and she will cover for Sharyn while Sharyn picks up the food.
- Friends of the Galway Library Website is now up and running for the public.
 - Bill Bateman, with the help of Regina Doi, Director, Galway Public Library has set it up and will be in charge of it.
 - Our new website address is: <http://www.friendsofgalwaypubliclibrary.org>
 - Bill will add the dates of the Library Budget Vote which is on June 5th, and also our Book Sale on May 28th.
 - Bill will be sending e-mails to all members of the FOL (who we have e-mail addresses for) letting them know about our new Website
 - Bill asked if anyone has pictures of past events, to please e-mail them to him to possibly be posted on the website. Regina also said he can go on the library website and use those pictures.
- Book Sale – May 28, 2012 – 9AM – 1PM (with FOL members starting @ 8:30AM)
 - Sylvia Epranian has already sold \$50.00 to one of the big buyers – Linda
 - Sylvia has arranged to have several people, including 'The Leo's', Gary, Steve & Josh Flint, and FOL Board Members to be at the Galway Library on Sunday, May 27th at 4PM to load the books and tables into the vehicles. These same people will also meet at the Village Park on Monday, May 28th at **7AM** to set-up the tent, tables & unload books.
 - The people who have volunteered their vehicles are:
 - Laura and her husband –truck
 - Jon and Margie Prasek – truck
 - Linda Jackowski – open truck for tables
 - Dot Gray – Van
 - Sylvia Epranian – SUV
 - Bill Bateman – Matrix
 - Sylvia also has people to work the different shifts during the Book Sale on Monday, May 28, 2012
- **Book Sale Publicity:**
 - Ardeth Deay, Head of Publicity – it was suggested when she posts the Book Sale in the different venues, the posting should include, 'special collection of Nautical Books", and also include the August 11th Book Sale in the postings.
 - A motion was made by Sharyn Kalinkewicz that Ardeth place an ad in The Daily Gazette for Thursday and Friday, May 24th and 25th

announcing our Book Sale, seconded by Nanci Wilson. Motion was passed.

- A second motion was made by Sharyn Kalinkewicz that the ad not cost more than \$100.00, seconded by Nanci Wilson. Motion was passed.
- Bill Bateman suggested that the ad say: 'get a free book **with** this ad'. Nanci Wilson brought up to possibly have it say 'BOGO' – 'buy one get one' free....**with** the ad. After discussion, it was decided that the ad should include the 'BOGO' and also say that we have a 'large collection of Nautical Books'.
- Bill will be making posters for the Memorial Day Book Sale and will e-mail the FOL Board Members copies. He will also put the poster on the Library (outside) Bulletin Board and posters inside the library.
- Bill also suggested that it might be a good idea to have a mailing list sign up sheet at the check-out table for people to be notified of upcoming events as well as the Book Sales. This could bring in not only people who are members of the FOL or have a library card, but those who just come to the Book Sales. FOL Board thought this was a good idea, so Bill will make up the forms.

On motion of Bill Bateman, the meeting of The Friends of the Galway Public Library adjourned at 8:17PM.

Next meeting, Tuesday, June 19, 2011 at 7 PM, at Galway Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanci Wilson
Secretary