

Friends of Galway Public Library Minutes
March 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia Epranian at 7:05 p.m. Present in addition to Sylvia were Sharyn Kalinkewicz, Dot Gray, Ann David, Pat Silk, Ardeth Deay, and Sue Stewart (Library Board of Trustees chair).

Absent were Linda Jackowski, Nanci Wilson, Julie Ford-Pasieka.

Secretary's Report:

Ann made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Pat and carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Sharyn reported assets of \$16497. Pat Silk mad a motion to accept the treasurer's report as amended (to include expense of \$416 for bookshelves, which was paid today.) Sylvia seconded the motion; motion carried.

Sue Stewart, Chair of the Galway Library Board of Trustees, gave a report on the status of their efforts toward a new library. They have asked architects to evaluate potential sites in April and expect to secure land this fiscal year. The long range planning committee will make rcommendations on a site for the new building. Then, building plans will be discussed. They expect the building to cost over one million dollars, so the are investigating various grants and a capital campaign. As the Library Board cannot steer a capital campaign, often Friends of the library do this.

The discussion which ensued centered around:

- what needs to be done to prepare for planning to go forward with funding a building.
- recognition that this is not the time to begin a capital campaign;
- the need to investigate the legal and other responsibilities involved;
- the possibility of professional fund raising help;
- and the possibility of a sub-committee under the auspices of the FGPL, which would take on this responsibility when the time for a capital campaign arises.

Old Business:

Prizes for Family Fun Day have been provided for other organizations participating by the Sponsors. Pat Rice will investigate how this could happen for FGPL, if we participate in this year's Fun Day.

Tabled from October: bungee cords--Julie has agreed to provide the necessary 30" spring rods for the library tent for the coming season.

The Libri Foundation Grant Opportunity application was rejected, as we seem not to be rural enough.

New Business:

A permit is needed for the Memorial Day Park. Sharyn agreed to arrange for this.

It was agreed that the FGPL would provide the library with a gift card with which to obtain more books for the children's E-nook. Amount to be determined.

Jon Prasek's name was put forward as a possible FGPL board member. Sylvia agreed to contact him to ascertain his interest in the position.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved at 8:10 by Dot. Sylvia seconded; motion was passed.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Ardeth Deay

Secretary Pro Tem