

VALATIE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on 1/9/13 at Valatie Free Library

Present: Trustees Balon, Benfield, Dawes, Fullerton, Griesemer, Hotaling, LaRowe, Schmit, Weber, Director Powhida. Also present was Co-Chair of the Fundraising Committee Lori Yarotsky.

Association members present: Amy Freinberg-Trufas, Josh Hotaling

Others present: Mayor Gary D. Strevell

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by President Fullerton.

December Minutes were presented. On motion of Benfield/Weber, approve as corrected. Carried.

A motion was made by Balon/Weber to elect Trustee LaRowe to continue as Treasurer. Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

\$7,500.00 was received from the Evelyn Borderick Trust to be placed in the VFL savings account. There was some discussion among the Board concerning the use of the funds which will be decided at a later date.

Director's Report:

VFL had its first "soup Monday". Donations are expected to be used to help offset chess club tournament fees. At the top of the webpage, the schedule of events is being updated via the hyperlink. The Facebook page is also being updated by Laurie Papas. The modem was upgraded. A class will be held next Wednesday at 6:30pm to discuss tablets, phones, kindles and nooks and using e-books from Mid-Hudson.

Public Comments:

Mayor Strevell and Trustee Amy Freinberg-Trufas discussed the Village's concern over our lack of progress on the Kinderhook Street building and the discrepancy in funding between the two libraries in the Town of Kinderhook.

Capital Campaign Report:

The 2012 Capital Campaign was discussed. Lori Yarotsky presented some ideas to the Board for fundraising including IRA contributions through January 31, 2013 for the 2012 tax year. Also discussed was the gala and some potential donors. VFL now has an E-Bay Mission Fish account wherein individuals can buy and sell items on E-Bay and contribute some money therefrom to the VFL as a donation. Several grants were applied for including NYSEDA, National Grid and Lowes. The ideas of an online art auction and 5k race were also discussed.

Building Committee:

David Bienn is presently associated (since December 2012) with Hudson Design Architecture and Construction Management, PLLC in NY, and has previously submitted proposals with them for the Woodstock Library Annex (in 2012). His new Standard AIA Contract with Hudson Design Architecture would be submitted to the Board before February's meeting.

Trustees Schmitt and Griesemer have been in contact with Robert Fitzsimmons, Esq. about possible representation of the Board in connection with the contract with David Bienn. Trustee Griesemer will follow up with Mr. Fitzsimmons.

Old Business:

Policy Updates:

Trustee Balon presented an updated Internal Control Policy and a discussion was held thereon. Approved as presented on Motion of LaRowe/Hotaling.

Trustee Balon presented updates to the Media Policy and a discussion was held thereon. Approved as presented on Motion of LaRowe/Griesemer.

Trustee Balon presented a Volunteer Policy and a discussion was held thereon. Tabled until next meeting.

Trustee Balon presented updates to the Code of Conduct and a discussion was held thereon. Tabled until next meeting

Trustee Balon presented updates to the Conflict of Interest Policy and a discussion was held thereon. Approved as presented on Motion of Griesemer/Balon.

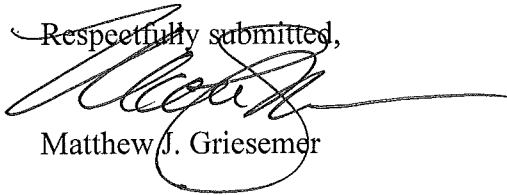
New Business:

A discussion was had about accounting services for the VFL and a proposal was presented by Trustee Griesemer from Pattison Koskey. Trustee Griesemer will solicit additional bids.

A motion was made by Schmitt/Balon to go into executive session to discuss a real estate transaction. Carried.

Motion was thereafter made by Schmitt/Weber to adjourn. Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew J. Griesemer