

**August 8, 2012**

**Minutes of Valatie Free Library**

Present: President Balon, Trustees: Benfield, Dawes, Fullerton, Griesemer, LaRowe, Schmit, Weber, and Director Powhida. Excused: Trustee Hotaling. Guests: Lori Yarotsky.  
Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes were accepted as written on motion by Griesemer/Schmit, carried.

Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Trustee Griesemer will check into the Valatie tax bill sent to the new building. Trustee Schmit will check with First Niagara Bank to see if we can extend our loan for 1 more year.

Trustee and Treasurer LaRowe announced she will leave the Board in December. A new Trustee needs to learn the books and become the Treasurer. An accountant is also needed in 2013.

Director's Report: A total of 438 children and 191 adults took part in our Summer Program. Weekly Chess Club started on 8/7 with Scott Bois. The projector and screen was purchased and will be used for computer classes and movie nights.

Fundraising Committee: Trustee Weber will replace Trustee Hotaling as the Co-Chair of the Fundraising committee with Lori Yarotsky. A list of Gala event donors and a revised Capital Campaign calendar is attached. Trustee Dawes and her friend will help with the Raffle table. Tickets for raffle are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Gala cost to the VFL is \$2000 and \$4500 in donations from local merchants was received. Saturday set up will begin at 9AM at the Niverville Firehouse. Clean-up will follow the event.

Building Committee: Trustee Schmit reported that new drawings are forthcoming. David Bienn will be here Saturday for the Gala and the week to follow.

Old Business: On motion by Schmit/Weber, the Bylaw Revisions were passed. On motion by Fullerton/Schmit, the Conflict of Interest Policy was passed. On motion by Weber/Griesemer, the Records Retention Policy was passed. On motion by Fullerton/Dawes, the Code of Ethics Policy was passed.

President Balon asked each Board member to look for ways to fundraise for our library.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM on motion by Schmit/Weber, carried.  
Next meeting is September 13, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dawes