

March 14, 2012

Minutes of the Valatie Free Library

Present: President Balon, Trustees Benfield, Dawes, Hotaling, LaRowe, Schmit, Weber, Director Powhida and welcomed new Board members Fran Fullerton and Matthew Griesemer.

Guest: Lori Yarotsky, Co-Chair of the Capitol Campaign.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

Minutes were read and amended to reflect that Trustee LaRowe left the meeting at 7:30PM on motion by Weber, Schmit, carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was accepted as written. In case the new computer system needs updated Quick Books, a \$300.00 cap was granted to purchase if needed, on motion by Benfield / Schmit, carried.

Director's Report:

A new computer was purchased for \$550.00.

Upcoming Events: Spring Crafts, youth, March 27

Photo Contest, all, April 1

Basket Weaving, adult, April 15

Director Powhida and Trustee Weber attended the State Library Advocacy Day in Albany on March 6.

They met with Senator Saland and it is hoped that Libraries will get 4% tax increase.

La Jardin will be used for some summer programs

Building Sub-Committee:

- Trustee Schmit distributed David Bien's latest drawings and the Board will meet with Mr. Bien later in March to go over the drawings.
- Trustee Schmit and Director Powhida went to the MHG building to look at their library space. It was decided not to pursue that building. Should a sale of the Church Street building occur, a temporary trailer on the new property would house the VFL until the completion of the new space.

Fund Raising Sub-Committee:

- Lori Yarotsky presented a campaign strategy titled "The Library We Want" and a "Table of Capitol Campaign Gifts" for the Board to review. A special meeting will be held at 5:30 PM, Monday March 19th, in the new building to vote on the proposals.
- Trustee Hotaling presented a calendar outlining the upcoming Fundraising events.
- A Grants Committee was formed with President Balon, Trustees Fullerton and Weber and Library Friend Landra Haber.

Old Business:

- The Board will not pursue Chapter 414 this year.
- By Laws are being revised by Trustees Benfield, Griesemer and LaRowe.
- Trustee Schmit will work with the Kinderhook Library on the furniture they are donating to VFL.
- The Board will keep the Church Street property at the current listing price.

New Business:

- President Balon and Lori Yarotsky will work on a new Long Range Plan due on Dec. 31, 2012.
- Taxes were discussed and tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM on motion by Schmit / Griesemer, carried.