

VALATIE FREE LIBRARY

Minutes of Regular Meeting held on 2/13/13 at Valatie Free Library

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

Excused: Trustee Weber.

Others present: Michael Nyerges, Executive Director, Mid Hudson Library System; Rebekkah Aldrich, Councilor-at-Large at New York Library Association.

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

January Minutes were presented. On motion of Dawes/Balon, approved as corrected. Carried.

Treasurer's Report (Presented by Trustee LaRowe):

The Board discussed the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Dawes/Balon to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Carried.

A motion was made by Balon/Hotaling to remove Trustee Balon as a signatory for VFL checks and to add President Fullerton as a signatory for VFL checks. Carried.

Director's Report (Presented by Director Powhida):

VFL received the Columbia County Council on the Arts grant. All programs are listed in the newsletter, on the webpage and on Facebook. Director Powhida stated that she would like to explore doing an outreach program for individuals who are unable to come to the library. The Board would like to further explore this.

Subcommittees:

Capital Campaign Report (presented by Lori Yarotsky):

The Capital Campaign was discussed. Lori Yarotsky presented a \$24.00 check from Common Kindness for the Capital Campaign. Also discussed were the options of a race. Lori Yarotsky is meeting with Paddle 8 about the prospect of having an online art auction to benefit the Capital Campaign.

Building Committee (presented by Trustee Schmidt):

Trustee Schmidt met with James Copeland from Hudson Design Architecture & Construction Management, PLLC. Mr. Copeland would like to meet with the Board to introduce himself and his firm.

Old Business:

1. Sale of Church Street Building: The Board discussed the sale of the Church Street Building.
2. CPA: The Board discussed the hiring of a Certified Public Accountant to perform auditing and financial services. A motion was made by Trustees Balon/Benfield to authorize Trustee Griesemer to pursue working with Matthew Mackerer, CPA from

Shallo, Galluscio, Bianchi & Fucito for an internal review. Carried. Trustee Griesemer will follow-up with Mr. Mackerer.

3. Attorney: The Board discussed the hiring of an attorney to review and assist with contract negotiation/preparation for the construction of the new building. Proposals were submitted from Sonya del Peral, Esq. and John Marvin, Esq. A motion was made by Trustees Benfield/Balon to accept the proposal submitted by John Marvin, Esq. Carried.

Other Business:

A discussion occurred about the contract. The Board will have questions for Mr. Marvin about the contract emailed to Trustee Griesemer on or before February 28, 2013.

Trustees Dawes/Schmidt made a motion to require (absent exigent circumstances) Trustees to provide any documents or items for the agenda to President Fullerton at least eight (8) days before any meeting. Carried. President Fullerton will then circulate items for the agenda to Board members.

Motion was thereafter made by Trustees Griesemer/Benfield to adjourn. Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew J. Griesemer