

**February 15, 2012**

**Minutes of the Valatie Free Library**

Present: President Balon, Trustees Schmit, LaRowe, Hotaling, Weber, Dawes, Director Powhida, and Guest, Matthew Griesemer, Esq. Excused: Trustee Benfield.  
Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by President Balon.

Guest, Matthew Griesemer introduced himself and expressed his interest in becoming a VFL Board member.  
Minutes were accepted on motion by LaRowe/Schmidt, carried.

Treasurers Report:

Report was accepted as written.

Director's Report:

Report is attached. On motion by Schmit/Hotaling, Director Powhida will purchase a new desk computer for \$550.00, motion carried.

Discussion on Library Late Fees was tabled.

On motion by Schmit/Weber, the Library Rules & Procedures and Internal Controls & Purchasing Policies were carried.

Building Sub Committee:

Trustee Schmit reported that David Bienn will be in attendance at the March Board meeting.

Fundraising Sub Committee:

Trustee Hotaling and Co-Chair Lori Yarotsky are working on levels of donations and a Mission statement.

Old Business:

On motion by Schmit/Weber, carried, the VFL Board will expand to nine (9) members.

On motion by Schmit/Weber, carried, the Board welcomes Matthew Griesemer to fill Landra Haber's term ending 12/2013 and Fran Fullerton whose term expires 12/2016.

New Business:

Director Powhida will check with the Village of Valatie on Martin H. Glynn building use should the current library property on Church Street be sold prior to the renovations of the new library site on Kinderhook Street being completed.

A letter was sent to Town of Kinderhook Attorney Thomas Griffen from CPA John Bernet concerning the library's tax status.

On motion by Hotaling/Schmit, carried, the VFL Board will hold Board meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Next meeting will be March 14, 2012 at 7 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM on motion by Schmit/Hotaling, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Dawes

Amended Minutes: Trustee LaRowe left meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion – Weber; Seconded – Schmit