

GRAND MARAIS LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2015

Call to Order

President Audrey Stattelmann called the meeting of the Grand Marais Library Board to order at 5:33 PM. at the Grand Marais Public Library.

Visitors

There were no visitors present at the meeting.

Attendance

Members Present: Jay Arrowsmith Decoux, Sally Berg, Hillary Freeman, Brienne Moody, Helen Muth, Jan Sivertson, Audrey Stattelmann and director, Steve Harsin

Members Absent:

Also in Attendance: Library Friends Representative, Kathryn Nelson Pedersen

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda, included the meeting agenda, the meeting minutes from September 2015, and the bills submitted to the city council for payment. A motion/second were made by Muth/Moody to accept the consent agenda and the September minutes. The motion passed.

Director's Report

- The Director's report is on file at the library.
- In addition to the report, Harsin reported that the request for revenue to hire an additional staff member was approved over a two-year period. The board was in favor of the personnel committee proposing several options regarding how to proceed with the new hire, including options for hiring and the job description for the new hire. A motion/second were was made by Freeman/Arrowsmith DeCoux to have their recommendations prepared by the November meeting at which time the board can decide how to proceed. Motion passed.
- Harsin had a copy of the statistics from the Summer Reading Program to share with the board.
- Readers and Writers Conference: Harsin handed out a list of events from the RW conference. He requested that some board members and/or Friends of the Library help with the events scheduled at the library. Interested board members should email Harsin to share their interest.
- Patsy's Mother Goose Costume: Library 1 employee, Patsy received a Mother Goose costume. She has used it in Cook County. The board was excited about the great possibilities that could come about from children's exposure to Mother Goose and nursery rhymes.

Committee Reports

•Personnel Committee: The committee will prepare possibilities for the start of the expanded Library 1 position.

•Film Night Committee: The films have been selected for the season.

•Calendar of Events Committee: The board received a list of events in their board packets that could be acknowledged by the library with events or announcements.

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Communications: Emails from Dan Binem from St. Olaf who has an art project called Whisper Chain. He has asked about the possibility of the Grand Marais Library being an exhibit venue for his work.

The American Library Association has a travel exhibit called Native voices that would travel around six weeks at a time. Harsin is looking in to the possibility of hosting the exhibit in Cook County.

Library Friends Liaison Report

- Kathryn Pederson Nelson was present to represent the Library Friends. There are significant changes on the Friends of the Library board this year. They are looking for volunteers or ideas for people who may be able to fill the position. The annual meeting is Oct. 20th at 7:00 P.M. at the library. On November 17th the Friends will have a board meeting to decide how their funds will be dispersed to the county libraries.

Unfinished Business

Information from the Joint Powers meeting on September 21st was shared with the Library Board. Steve is looking for direction on how to proceed with the new position.

New Business

- Calendar for 2016 Discussion: Stattelmann suggested that the board consider changing the date that the Library Board meets effective January 2016; open hours during holidays; etc. There was a discussion of having board meetings on the fourth or last Monday of the month. This would allow for more accurate and up to date fiscal information. A motion/second were made by Sivertson/Berg to change the board meeting date to the fourth Monday of each month. Motion passed.
- Freeman shared information about the Film Committee and their plans for the year.

Adjournment President Audrey Stattelmann adjourned the meeting at 6:26.

Mission Statement: The Grand Marais Public Library contributes to an enlightened, connected community by providing resources and a welcoming environment where people of all ages find information and enjoyment, children discover the wonder of reading, and diversity is celebrated.