

Minutes for Monday, January 23, 2017

Grand Marais Public Library

Call to Order: 5:46 PM at the Grand Marais Library

- Jan Sivertson
- Helen Muth
- Jay Arrowsmith DeCoux
- Hillary Freeman
- Steve Harsin
- Amanda St. John

Introductions of Visitors

- Lorrie Oswald
- Dennis Kaleta

Introduction of Amanda St. John

- Learning the culture of our library
- Working on cleaning up and streamlining the back room
- Split the staff into two pools to assist in management of the staff; librarians with Steve, Clerks with Amanda.

Consent Agenda

- January 23rd Agenda
- Minutes from December 19th, 2016, meeting – attached
- Bills submitted for payment on: 01/04, 01/05, 01/18 – attached
 - Motion by Jay to approve as amended (adding a report from the Film Night Committee to the agenda), seconded by Helen, passed unanimously

Election of Officers - Steve

—Brief conversation. Slate is suggested of Hillary as President, Helen as Vice, Jay as Secretary assuming a one year term and that this is reviewable next year. Slate is adopted.

- President—Hillary Freeman
- Vice-President—Helen Muth
- Secretary—Jay Arrowsmith DeCoux

Director's Report –

—Hot water heater failed and working on getting it fixed. It was noticed by Amanda on a tour of the facility.

—Steve presented at the Friends of the Library meeting, it was well received and appreciated

—Having problems with the book drop; ice is building up in front of the door and it is getting bent out of shape. New concrete is needed in the spring. Until then the City staff will take care of maintaining it.

—3 nominees for the 2 open City positions on the Board, 1 for the 1 open position for the County.

—Steve has gone through the budget now that Amanda has been confirmed. It is looking better than projected. Should be discussed by the newly formed financial committee.

—Programming opportunities abound- Bicycle riders who rode across Europe (Prague Pedalers) want to present and book authors are coming, there was a showing of Iron Will Saturday, with a follow-up sled dog in the library and another show where there will be a bald eagle.

Committee Reports

- ❖ Financial Committee: No report.
- Policy Committee: No report.
- Art Committee: No report.
- Personnel Committee: No report.
- Film Night Committee: Helen—Highly successful, very large crowds, large enough to make us start thinking about license concerns (50 people limit on one of our licenses). It could be very expensive to get the license upgraded (\$100-\$400 per video), but if we exceed that number the fines could be exorbitantly expensive. How do we proceed? Is this a film committee discussion or a Board discussion? Hillary says it could be both. Board gives opinions tonight and film committee returns with a proposal for how to handle it. Jay says it seems that the Board members think that the price of upgrading the license is expensive and it isn't worth toying with the penalties. Jan wants the film committee to come with a proposal. Steve will check on the license and if it's \$100 then we'll just expand it for the movie at risk and then come back with a proposal for future.

- ❖ Communications – None to report

Library Friends Liaison Report

—Retreat on the 19th, discussion of the Library Friends mission and discussed membership issues. Lorrie is the treasurer, Steve made his presentation, which went well. Spent time talking about funding (book sale) and looked at some changes. No “Better Books” next year because they don't sell. Really rare books or books with real value will be sold online, others that are “better” will be included in the general sale. Children's books will remain separate and will be priced separately. Set their calendar for the year, but will figure out Friends' Annual Meeting in October. Dennis and Lorrie are the reps to the Board.

*Note is taken how much the Library appreciates and is grateful for the work of the Library Friends!

Unfinished Business:

- ❖ Whitney Crettol (Strategic Planning) and Steve have been having conversations.

New Business:

- ❖ Committee appointments—Put off until the next month because of the upcoming appointments of City and County representatives.

*Adjourned at 6:31pm