

Meeting Minutes Monday, July 24th, 2017

Grand Marais Public Library

Called to Order: 5:30 PM at the Grand Marais Library

*Attending: Hillary Freeman, Judie Johnson, Gwen Danfeldt, Jon Books, Helen Muth, Jay Arrowsmith DeCoux, Director Steve Harsin

Introductions of visitors— Lorrie Oswald

Consent Agenda

- July 24th Agenda
- Minutes from June 26th, 2017, meeting
- Bills submitted for payment on: 7/5, 7/6, 7/17

*Motion to Approve the consent agenda made by Helen Muth, Seconded by Judie Johnson. Motion passed

Director Steve Harsin reported:

*Puzzle Tree is back and shorter for stability

*No word on the progress of the Poetry Walk, Steve will follow up with contractor again. Jay called and left a message with the contractor a few weeks ago, but hasn't heard back.

*Library Budget will be heard by the City Council on Wednesday the 26th.

*Library will re-invest proceeds from investments with the Duluth Superior Fund. (Roll-over back into the fund).

*Sundew Technology will perform the phone upgrade previously approved by the Board.

Library Friends Liaison Report

*Upcoming Book Sale prep is taking all time and will be great again this year.

Committee Reports

- Financial Committee: No report.
- Policy Committee: No report.
- Art Committee: No report.
- Personnel Committee: No report.
- Film Night Committee: No report.
- Legacy Art Committee: Jay. Progress report.

Communications:

- ❖ Video – Library Advocacy
- ❖ Hillary Freeman reported about her latest trip and a “Literary Tour” she did in Reykjavik and is wondering if we could perhaps do this sort of thing through the Library. Unsure whether we have enough literary influence around town to do such a thing.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

❖ Funding for Readers & Writers Festival

*The Library will pay \$1400 to the Art Colony to open the Brown Bag Lunch sessions to the public as well as the author talk sessions that are hosted at the Library. Additionally, the library is contracting with a nationally known children's author to do a school presentation. Discussion from all Board members showed strong support. Director Harsin will see to the dispersion of funds.

*Meeting Adjourned 6:27pm

Next Library Board meeting is: August 28th, 2017

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.