

Minutes for Monday, August 28th, 2017

Grand Marais Public Library

Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM

Present: Freeman, Muth, Sivertson, Danfelt, Books **Absent:** Arrowsmith-DeCoux, Johnson

There were **no visitors**

Moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda. *Passed*

- August 8th Agenda
- Minutes from July 24th, 2017 meeting
- Bills submitted for payment on: 8/2, 8/4, 8/22, 8/23

Director's Report: Assistant Director St. John reported Sundew Technology has been engaged to assist with computer issues and installation, as well as to install upgraded telephone equipment. St. John is research printers to replace some machines that are no longer meeting library needs.

Director Harsin reported there is still no movement on the poetry walk and that his own, and others, efforts to make that move forward have not been fruitful. The quest for completion continues.

Harsin also reported: we have been advised by City of Grand Marais that there are budget line items which have been learned to have very different dollar amounts than was anticipated when the 2018 budget was put together 1) the health insurance costs that need to be covered are much greater than anticipated when the budget was submitted, including a 29% increase in the cost of health care coverage for 2018, and 2) the City has re-evaluated all city department head position descriptions, and all are getting a pay increase, including the Library Director. Harsin presented two scenarios to address the matter, and offered other strategies that might be available. The group discussed their options. **It was moved and seconded to add the additional expenses resulting from these changes to the existing budget request, and to resubmit to the City and the County. *Passed***

Library Friends Liaison Report - None

Committee Reports

- *Financial Committee:* Needs to meet. *Hillary, Helen, Jay*
- *Policy Committee:* No report.
- *Art Committee:* No report.
- *Personnel Committee:* No report. Meets in November.
- *Film Night Committee:* Needs to meet in early September.
- *Legacy Art Committee:* Progress report. *Jay, Steve*

❖ **Video** – Library Policy

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Next Library Board meeting is: September 25th, 2017

Meeting adjourned at:

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.