

April 17, 2019 Minutes of the Board of the Friends of Brooks Memorial Library

Present: Joyce Marcel, Sue Dyer, John Komar, Kathryn Turnas, Connie Kimball, Jennifer Rowe (of the Trustees), Starr Latronica (for the library)

The minutes of March 20, 2019 were accepted as written.

Connie reviewed the Treasurer's report of 4/17/19 (3/01-3/31/19). The report was accepted and will be filed for audit. As of March 31, 2019 the treasury balance was \$51,466.48.

Starr discussed the upcoming May conference of Trustees and Friends for the Vermont Library Assoc. Registration is \$50 and will be held May 21st in Burlington. We will pay for registration and mileage for any wishing to attend. Let Joyce or Starr know if you'd like to attend. Connie moved, seconded by John and so voted.

Joyce reported her extensive phone calls to Sec. of State and Atty. Gen. offices to clarify the question about raffle tickets and whether board members or their spouse can put their name on said tickets. She did not receive clarification from either office so next will review our by-laws and will report back to the board.

Board development: we are down 2 members (Kate and Jen) so Joyce is seeking recommendations for new members.

Director's Report:

Flag: Joyce will pursue the banner idea as Karen is away. Dessert Gala was a big success. Now preparing for book sale. Library is now receiving books for the sale. Question arose: should we hold sale on Friday as well as Sat. since some of the Strolling of Heifers events will be on the Common on Friday. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Annual meeting: it was agreed to hold our annual meeting as part of our May regular meeting rather than as a part of a special event. This will be 4:30 on May 15th.

Jenny Rowe, Board of Trustees President, attended the meeting. Trustee members will rotate attending and we will consider doing the same to strengthen our connection.

Board retreat: discussed holding retreat at Starr's house in Guilford. Starr will send out a doodle pole and let us know results

Starr mentioned the soon to be released film "The Public" and possibility of collaborating with Latchis as a fund raiser. Joyce will explore with Latchis and we might explore sharing with Groundworks

Staff requests:

.Music with Robin (children's room): \$135. Barbara Morrison: writing group: \$320

.Gaming group: Jim Belville: \$241 for pizzas and agreement to continue to support this great group

by paying for pizzas

.VINS VT. Institute of Natural Science): we offer family passes and folks will still need to pay \$5 per head. Agreed to renew for \$150

.Discussed teacher training (SPARKS), with focus on social justice. Toward this end, a request for support of sponsoring Rebel Diaz, a kids hip hop event, to be offered Fri., 5/10, in main room of library for high school, middle school students and teachers at cost of \$500.

Connie moved to support the above, John seconded and so voted.

Theresa's replacement: 5 very strong candidates were interviewed and Courtney Kerry, most recently of UVM library, has been hired as of May6th

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Dyer