

Galway Public Library Workshop Meeting April 7, 2016 Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Arlene Rhodes, Fred Baily, Donna Erickson, Neil Goes, Deb Flint, Interim Director Jim Hodsoll, Mary L. Kopper. Absent: Phyllis Keeler

Meeting Called to Order by President Rhodes at 6:32 pm.

Public Comment: Arlene Introduced Walter Schmidt, Contractor, of Schmidt and Schmidt, Inc., Galway, who asked to speak on a different concept for achieving the new library building. His suggestion was that we consider a building based on a steel format - (commonly termed a "Butler Building") which can now be constructed with options that would make it competitive with stick built construction, for which we would hire a firm to construct and permit the construction firm's leasing of the building to the library. That would, if approved, permit the firm to go to a bank loan for building and eliminate certain portions of the cost lowering the amount that the library would otherwise have to pay. An interesting approach - we will discuss it with SALS and our lawyers, examining the codes that have been established for Public Libraries in the State, and whether we would be permitted to utilize construction grants for the process.

Discussion followed. It was determined that the concept should be run through SALS, as well as Butler, Rowland and Mays.

Ad Hoc Committees:

New Building: Fred indicated that we should soon schedule a meeting with BRMA to discuss our future plans.

Library Fund Development: Nothing new to note at this time.

Financials: In Jim's absence, Mary Lynn and Arlene examined and approved the bills - they are currently being sent to all Board Members by the bookkeeper - motion was made by Fred Baily to approve those listed from March 21 to April 8th, check no. 6044 to 6068. Donna 2nd. CARRIED: 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

Approval of budget for 2016 - 2017 tabled until approved by Finance committee. They will get it back to the Board for vote. Mary Lynn made the motion to table, Jim 2nd. CARRIED. 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Director proposed that we pay the Interim Director and Library Assistant to attend the Board Retreat. Motion was made by Neil Goes, 2nd by Fred Baily. CARRIED. 7 in favor, 0 opposed..
- Motion was made by Neil Goes to approve the request of Library Assistant Sara Pandori to contact community agencies for donations or funds to purchase awards for those participating in the summer reading program. 2nd by Fred. CARRIED: 7 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Motion was made by Jim Hodsoll to approve Interim Director Deb Flint as Election Clerk. Seconded by Fred Baily. CARRIED: 7 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Motion was made by Fred Baily to approve the appointment of Ruth Gerardi and Sharyn Kalinkewicz as Election Inspectors at \$12.00 per hour, 2nd by Jim Hodsoll. CARRIED, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Motion was made by Neil and 2nd by Donna to approve the Vacation Dates of Saturday, April 16, (4 hours), and Sat., May 14 (4 hours) for Interim Director Deb Flint. CARRIED. 7 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Arlene brought to the attention of the Board the NYLA webinar on strategic planning from 2 to 3 in the afternoon on May 4. We can participate at the library. Mary Lynn made the motion to pay the \$25.00 registration fee, Jim 2nd. CARRIED" 7 in favor, 0 opposed.

- Arlene will attend a planning session at SALS on April 19, topic : “ How might SALS help trustees and staff in future.” Donna offered to attend with Arlene.
- Arlene requested that Board members consider accepting the appointment as chair the Personnel Committee.

Mark Calendar: Trustee Retreat, April 29, at Library, from 9 a.m. until Noon, April 14: Open Mic night at Library in celebration of National Poetry Month: 7 p.m. (Refreshments will be served – no reservation required)

Next Board Meeting: April 20, 6:30 pm.

Neil moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Jim. CARRIED Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Mary Lynn Kopper, Secretary

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