

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of Public Meeting September 16, 2014

Members Present: Evelyn Kratz, James Johnson, Stephen Desroches, Stephen Borkowski (arrived at 6:35 pm), Donna Vaillancourt

Others Present: Matt Clark, Library Interim Director and Recording Secretary, Laura Shabott, Member of Public, Jan Kelly, Friends of the Library, Grace Ryder O'Malley, Friends of the Library.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm

1. Public Statements: None

Ms. Kratz stated that the meeting was being recorded for notes of the Recording Secretary.

2. Discussion of Friends of the Library and non-profit status.

Jan Kelly received a letter from the Attorney General regarding the non-profit status of the Friends of the Library. The letter states that a complaint had been filed. Ms. Kelly asked who reported the Friends, but Ms. Kratz would not disclose the source of the complaint.

After lengthy discussion outlining several options for the Friends as an organization, it was decided that Jan Kelly will speak to Town Counsel regarding the complaint and will pursue steps to register the Friends as an official Public Charity. It is assumed that this type of registration will exempt the Friends from paying taxes on their book sales.

3. Approval of Minutes May 27 (joint with BOS), July 14 (joint with BOS), July 15, and August 4, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Desroches moves to approve May 27 Minutes
Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which passed 4-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Johnson moves to approve July 14 Minutes
Ms. Vaillancourt seconded the motion which passed 4-0-0.

MOTION: Mr. Desroches moves to approve August 4 Minutes
Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which passed 4-0-0.

4. Update on investigation into Murals disappearance.

Ms. Kratz informed the group that the Provincetown Police Department has filed a report regarding the disappearance.

After several minutes people presenting theories of what happened to the murals, Laura Shabott asks why we must keep pursuing the murals.

The Trustees decide that they must pursue the case because there is a proper way to dispose of Town property, and it clearly was not followed. It is decided that Lyn Kratz will contact the head of the Historic Commission and work with that organization to send a joint appeal urging the police to continue searching for the murals.

5. Mooncusser's ball update—approval of expenses from Gift Fund

Ms. Kratz reports that the Mooncusser's Ball grossed roughly enough revenue to cover the expenses of the event. She moves that the Supporters of the Library cover the expenses of the event.

This is met by opposition by all four other Board members who describe that act as crippling to the Supporters.

After lengthy discussion, it is decided that the Trustees will cover the expenses they incurred during the event. It is also decided that the fundraising model currently used by the Trustees is ineffective, and that moving forward, they are responsible for the expenses of their events.

MOTION: Ms. Vaillancourt moves to have the Trustees pay expenses of the Host Committee Reception.

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which passed 5-0-0.

6. Private donation for audio books—approval of payment from Gift Fund

The Library received a specific private donation to be used for the purchase of Audiobooks.

MOTION: Mr. Johnson moves to approve payment from the Gift Fund for Audiobooks added to the Library collection up to the full amount of the donation (\$1500)

Ms. Kratz seconded the motion which passed 4-0-0.

7. Lennon/Mailer Reading update—approval of expenses from Gift Fund

There was not a motion made regarding expenses, because the Lennon/Mailer event covered all of its expenses and made money.

8. Update on requests to rent Library space

Recovering Hearts breakfast event on Friday October 17. The group will be charged \$75 per hour for usage of the Marc Jacobs Reading Room.

MOTION: Mr. Desroches moves to approve the Recovering Hearts Event on Friday, October 17. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which passed 4-0-0.

Women Inn Keepers panel event to be filmed in the Marc Jacobs Reading Room on Wednesday, October 15. The group will be charged \$75 per hour for usage of the Marc Jacobs Reading Room.

MOTION: Mr. Desroches moves to approve the Women Inn Keepers Event on Wednesday, October 15.

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which passed 4-0-0.

9. Minute taker—move meetings to Wednesdays?

The Board of Trustees decided to begin holding their meetings on Wednesday evenings in order to meet on a day that works better for recorders.

10. Election of Board Chair

Lyn Kratz has decided to step down as Board Chair to make for an easier transition as her term is ending in May 2015. She also mentioned that it is a good time to promote a Board member who will have a longer tenure.

MOTION: Mr. Borkowski moves to name James Johnson as the new Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees.

Mr. Desroches seconded the motion which passed 4-0-0.

11. Other Business and Correspondence

Matt Clark mentions that Town Hall will be holding an event on the Library's Second Level on Tuesday, September 23 where members of the community will have the opportunity to meet the prospective Town Manager Candidates.