

AFL Board of Trustees Regular March Meeting Minutes

7 Mar 2011 7:08 pm

Board Members Present: Tony Kossman, Linda Cure, Christine Lennard, Betty Ketcham, Rebecca Edwards, Ron Ginsburg, Pat Spohr, Ellen Howie, Mary Dornbush, Craig Sargent, Yvette Terplak, Sally Dague, Christine Capauano, Natalie Schipiano.

Non voting members present: Judith Wines (Director) and Vicki Vattimo (Development).

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Yvette Terplak and Natalie Schipiano sworn in.
3. Feb 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted and submitted for inclusion in the record.
4. President's report: None.
5. Director's report: (atch 3). Ron also reported on e-books. UHLS requesting a boycott of e-books because of re-purchasing demands by publishing house. Discussion re whether this would be a good option for AFL, still being evaluated.
6. Treasurer gave Feb 2011 report. (atch 4) Note that we received money from Knox (\$6,000.00). Betty identified a Money Market at Berkshire Bank that would yield 0.7% interest, with negligible penalty for early withdrawal (one month's interest/cd). Betty made a motion that we transfer the cd's from SEFCU that are earning less than 0.7% interest to a money market account in Berkshire Bank with the current rate for over \$50,000.00 is 0.70%. Linda seconded the motion; all voted in favor.
7. Clerk of the Works Report: None.
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Development: Thank you notes for Gala done. Had follow up meeting post-Gala to discuss what worked and what didn't; ideas for next year. Bike race – Dieter suggesting changes, but we still aren't going to use this in 2011. TEP (Transportation Enhancement Grant) grant submitted again. This is our third attempt. Also looking at Mission Fish and Paint Out fundraiser ideas.
 - b. Policy: No report.
 - c. Program: No report.

d. Personnel: No report.

e. Building Committee: Atch 5. Meeting with Don Cropsy 15 March to provide all documents requested. Looking to keep moving forward – have approximately \$136K on hand and \$96K needed for work. Discussion of persistent eyebrow window problem and responsibility of Argus and prior contractor; Pecks interested in looking at it and bidding on repair. At this point we'd have to sue prior contractor for faulty work and advice of building committee is that it would cost us time and money we don't have.

9. Old business:

a. Gala: See above.

b. Bike race:

c. Summer concerts:

d. Swearing in of Yvette Terplak and Natalie Schipiano:

e. Committee signup sheet: Sent around.

10. New business:

a. Yvonne Berchwinger – wants to be on board. Tony will send her an application letter.

b. Oktoberfest Fund Raiser Idea – on backburner for now.

c. Village Budget Meeting – We asked for \$40,000.00 for operating budget and \$10,000.00 for building fund. Waiting to see what will happen.

d. TEP – see Director's report.

e. Coupon Book Promotion

f. Subway promotion for concerts – doing this again this summer.

g. Summer farmers market – Yvette moved that we allow the village to use the train station for farmer's market this summer. Ellen seconded. Linda abstained. All others voted in favor.

h. Village wide garage sale and book sale – Bring your stuff and sign up to volunteer. Letter to editor of enterprise should go out around 5 Apr asking for donations.

11. Open Forum: Discussion re fact that Ms. Nichols-Randall approached Judith re merging the AFL into the Guilderland Public Library. Judith outlined what she saw as pros and cons (pros:

budget stability, complete building project on Train Station; cons: board dissolves, become branch of GPL, employees are CS). GPL President and VP interested in coming and talking to the board. Yvette and Pat gave board a history of what happened when this was presented in the past. Yvette solicited letters from a number of free libraries and 19/21 responded and said it was a bad choice. In previous experience, GPL made a similar offer and then pulled out at the last minute. Decision to have Tony or Linda let GPL know that they will entertain a proposal and that further discussions should be with the board.

12. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Lennard
AFL Recording Secretary

Attachments:

1. March Agenda
2. 2011 Febuary meeting minutes
3. Feb 11 Director's report
4. Feb 11 Treasurer's Report
5. Feb 11 Building Committee Report