

FRIENDS of TUCKER FREE LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING, MINUTES
Regular [virtual] meeting; Saturday, November 20, 2021; 8:00am

ATTENDANCE:

- PRESENT:
 - Board members present: Sylvia Lennox; Rob Reno; Naomi Praul; Mary Corsetti; Gwen Airgood
 - Other, present: Lynn Piotrowicz, Library Director; Anne Crotti, Trustee Liaison;

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00am

REPORTS:

- SECRETARY'S REPORT:
 - The following previous Board minutes (9/26/2021) reviewed and accepted without exception:
 - October 23
 - November 14 (Annual Meeting)
- TREASURER'S REPORT:
 - (Gwen) reported that the FTFL checking balance is currently \$4,866.14 and that things are holding steady
- LIBRARY, TRUSTEES REPORT (Lynn):
 - Trustees met on Wednesday, November 17.
 - Agenda focused on preparations for Town Meeting and budget presentation
 - Library building plan was discussed, with an eye toward reactivating it, and specifically petitioning Town to include it in its Capital Improvement Plan
 - This year's Moose Plate Grant application is forthcoming
 - Next Trustees' meeting scheduled for December 15, at 5:00pm

 - Related FTFL discussion of building project status:
 - Lynn mentioned opportunity and need for a new approach and narrative, including focused dialogue of Library Trustees/Staff/Friends with the Selectmen about the project. Such proactive approach was endorsed by the (FTFL) Board
 - Objections to project were raised at the Library's 'Citizens Academy' session
 - Dynamics and controversy surrounding inclusion of third floor expansion in scope of work were discussed
 - (Lynn and Anne will keep track and update)

OLD BUSINESS:

- ANNUAL MEETING, DEBRIEF
 - The necessary annual administrative business was successfully transacted.
 - Two Friends members who were in attendance showed personal interest in further involvement:
 - Susan Stella
 - Karol Dermon
 - General agreement on the importance of encouraging and enfranchising such interest

- **NOMINATIONS**
 - Discussion about Board positions; 2022 nominations are formally approved, yet Rob's request to be relieved of the Secretary's position is still on the table. (The bylaws do permit temporary midyear appointments resolving vacancies in positions on an acting/provisional basis by the Board).
 - Discussion followed about options for shuffling of roles among existing Board members, with or without admission of new Board members.
 - One possibility discussed was assigning the routine recording tasks of the Secretary to administrative staff, i.e. Lynn as the (designated in bylaws) 'administrative staff member' (Executive Director). No resolution was reached on this.
 - Further discussion of shuffling Board positions was inconclusive, but it was agreed that on a provisional (experimental) basis that at the next regular meeting, Mary would record and draft the minutes; Lynn and Naomi along with Rob will be available to assist and consult, and the Board will revisit the situation.
- Related note: Anne will not be running for another term on the Trustees for March, 2022, which will leave the adjunct FTFL position of Trustees Liaison unfilled as of Town Meeting in March. (The Trustees Liaison position is implicitly to be filled by a current member of the Trustees Board).

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **TASK FORCES / COMMITTEES**
 - Discussed only briefly; agreed to further pursue at upcoming meeting
 - Holiday decorating, 2021 and annual?
 - Tuesday Music Concert presence, 2022?
 - (Gwen) role in Lions Club Christmas tree bonfire in March?
 - Farmers' Market, 2022 season?
 - Others???
- **HOLIDAY DECORATING TASK FORCE:**
 - Date was agreed, November 27 at 10:00am. Several Board members will be there, as well as additional Friends. Family members may participate. Rob will not be available, but can provide ladder as needed. (December 4 is still on the table as a backup if necessary.)
- **NUBISCOTIC INQUIRY (Lynn)**
 - Lynn did respond affirmatively to this group's outreach, but no further initiative from that end has been forthcoming at this point.
- **2022 SUNDAY/HUMANITIES PROGRAMS**
 - Lynn reported that 3 of the NH Humanities programs have been affirmatively identified, plus two other independent programs are possibilities ('Bitcoin' and 'Bigfoot in NH'). The provisional dates are: 1/23, 2/9, 2/23, plus possibly 1/9 and-or 3/6. Lynn will follow up at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Naomi shared anomalies Pay Pal reporting protocol. Naomi and Gwen will review these procedures and update with Pay Pal administration.

NEXT MEETING DATE(S):

- Next regular FTFL board meeting: Saturday, January 8, 2022 via Zoom; 8:00am
- (Next Trustees meeting, Wednesday, December 15, 5:00pm)

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned, 9:30am
SUBMITTED BY / DATE: Rob Reno, 12/01/2021