

Minutes of the George F. Johnson Memorial Library Board meeting of
Thursday, May 10, 2007

- I. Call to order by Vice-President Chris Ryan at 7:06 P.M.
Present: Alan Katz, Denis Kovalich, Jan Pecen, Chris Ryan, Patrick Schafer, Yvonne Slate, and Library Director Ed Dunscombe, Village Liaison Priscilla Garringer. Excused: Marie McLean-Yurecka.
- II. Reception of visitors: Board nominee Paul Del Rosso.
- III. Approval of minutes from April 5 (revised) and April 19, 2007. Alan moved to accept, Patrick seconded, carried unanimously.
- IV. Manifest of Bills #12 for May, 2007: Alan moved to accept, Jan seconded, carried unanimously.
- V. Financial report: Balance of \$1,068,983.20 in Library Funds as of 4/30/2007. Brief review of revenues including receipt of \$80,550 first installment on the NYS Construction Grant. Alan moved to accept the financial report, Yvonne seconded, carried unanimously.
- VI. Old Business:
 - a. Elevator project: Ed reported he will meet on May 11 with the architect and general contractor to address work schedule and preliminaries. Alan recommended contacting various persons and the media for a groundbreaking ceremony.
 - b. Board President Archives: Ed reported Cathy will attend a digitization workshop and a scanner will be bought afterwards.
 - c. Village audit: No report.
 - d. Property/Liability insurance: Discussion of failure of provider to meet with department heads to address coverage concerns. Ed will contact Village Clerk/Treasurer Tom Johnson.
 - e. Café: No report.
 - f. Communications with Town of Union: Jan moved to accept the draft letter to Supervisor Bernardo addressing the Board's concerns with the lack of full library funding district payment for 2007. Brief discussion. Patrick seconded, carried unanimously.
- VII. New Business:
 - a. Proposed revenue budget: Ed noted a change needed in the adopted 2007-08 revenue budget to accommodate the fact that the first installment of the NYS Construction Grant was received in FY2006-07. The \$89,500 original figure to be reduced to \$8,950. The amount to be transferred from the Library Fund to balance the budget to be increased from \$122,100 to \$202,650.

- b. Alan suggested sending a Happy Birthday card to the Your Home Public Library in recognition of its 90th birthday.
- c. Ed noted the upcoming 4CLS Annual Dinner at the Blind Tiger in Afton NY. Details to follow.
- d. Ed reported Marie has offered to work on a stained glass sign commemorating the Eleanor Henricks Children's Room.
- e. Ed noted upcoming NYS Construction Grant cycle, and suggested using the grant to air-condition the upstairs room. Alan suggested a capital improvements committee. Chris and Jan offered to address it as part of the Long Rangel Plan of Service Committee. Ed noted the application deadline may be as early as July 2007, and noted there are both large and small NYS grant programs.

VIII. Other Business/Committee Reports:

- a. Long range plan of service: No report
- b. 414 Committee: No report
- c. Special district committee: No report

VIII. Adjournment: Jan moved to adjourn at 8:18 PM, Patrick seconded, carried unanimously.