

**Vernon Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bronna Zlochiver, Chair
Melissa Ferris , Vice Chair
Ruth Kibby, Secretary
Ellen Hardy
Janis Pereria

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jean Carr, Library Director

Guests:

Rita Mudd

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

REGULAR MEETING:

Bronna Zlochiver, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Vernon Free Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:34 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Bronna Zlochiver gave an enthusiastic summary of the Trustees and Friends Power Point presentation by Lara Keenan, the state's Library Consultant. The regional meeting with the State's Library Consultant spoke to the value of sharing what other library's have for projects and plans and the potential future role the library will have in communities and in neighborhoods.

Ms. Keenan is happy to come visit the Vernon Free Library and meet with interesting community members, in a forum style gathering, to hear the ideas and wishes of the Vernon community regarding ways to expand the services of Vernon's Library.

Review and discussion of the previous Selectboard meeting, attended by Library Trustees, involving submission of the Library's proposed budget for the year 2017-2018. The next Selectboard meeting, to complete the budgetary review of the Vernon Free Library's proposed budget, is December 6, 2017.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ellen Harding motioned to accept the corrected minutes from the meeting on Sept. 12, 2017, of the Vernon Library Trustees meeting. Janis Pereira seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Janis Pereira motioned to accept the minutes of the the Special Library Trustees meeting, Sept. 27, 2017. Ellen Harding seconded. Motion passed 4/0.

Bronna Zlochiver motioned to accept the minutes of the Oct. 17th Vernon Library Trustees meeting. Melissa Ferris seconded. Motion passed 4/0

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Veteran's Day will be honored by the closure of the library on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017.

Library Director, Jean Carr, will be taking the week of Nov. 13, 2017 thru Nov. 18, 2017 for vacation.

Library Bake Sale at the Vernon Artisan Market netted \$340.

Rita Mudd was acknowledged and appreciated for her organization, coordination and managing of the Bake sale for the Library.

A book signing will be held at the Vernon Library in the lobby on Nov. 18, 2017. The author, Rebecca Hammond Yager, will be available to sign and discuss her new book. Ms. Hammond Yager is the daughter of Bill and Carol Hammond, Vernon residents. The signing is from 10 to 1 and all are welcome.

Summer Reading Program for 2018 has begun in earnest with the Library Director, Jean Carr, excited to see the materials and resources she will be able access and use from the state's list of resources.

Carol Hammond shared the response to a survey question she asks of new residents or folks interested in moving to Vernon. The question, "What is the biggest reason to settle in Vernon, for you and your family." The Vernon Library was the answer in most cases.

OLD BUSINESS:

The budget short fall was discussed and the need for fund raising to off set the financial issues the Library is having was positive and hopeful as we go forward into 2017-2018.

Bronna Zlochiver motioned to pay the short fall of \$5,524.42 for fiscal year 2016-2017, in one payment. This payment would come out of the Vernon Free Library Gift Fund. Ellen Harding seconded. Motion passed 4 in favor with 1 nay.

Chair Zlochiver thanks Ellen, Jean and Melissa for their hard work with the budget and clarifying the financials for the Vernon Library as we go forward.

Fundraising Appeal letter has been completed and a newly compiled mailing list has been completed. Cudos to Ellen Harding for her diligence in completing this huge task. Discussion of collating and mailing the letter was finalized with the plan to put the Appeal letter out in the next two weeks.

A donation has been offered by Tom Pereira, of one of his sculptured sheep for raffling. Plans for this raffle along with other fundraising ideas were discussed and will be scheduled for the next months.

Where to get keys and leave keys for entering the Town Building was reviewed for future use of the building on off times. Director Carr will be managing the keys and the process of using them for the Library.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:45 PM.