

FOGPL Annual Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 24, 2017
Groton Public Library

Attending: Board members: Sue Haynes, Mary Roberts, Chris Griffin, Pat Gaines, Amber Carmon, Linda Willis. Also attending were Kim Slocum, Terry Donlick and Diane Dempsey, Ted Schiele and Matt Sparling.

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m.

1) A press release went out announcing that the two restored library charters officially have been hung. Representatives of many contributing organizations attended the rehang dedication, as well library trustees.

2) Mary Roberts was formally appointed to the FOGPL executive board. Pat Gaines moved; Chris Griffin 2ndd. All approved.

3) Financial report – Pat presented the 2016 Annual Report. It was noted that \$200 remains from charter restoration donations. Rose Tucker suggested using some of the funds to purchase name plates identifying portraits around the library. FOGPL will look into pricing.

Mary Roberts moved to accept the Treasurer's 2016 annual report as presented. Amber Carmon 2ndd. All approved.

2017 Annual Report to date was presented. Membership gifts were noted. It was noted that the FOGPL NYS Dept of State incorporation fee of \$75 had been paid and that status was still pending

4) Discussion regarding a membership request to join the FOL section of the New York Library Association. Purpose is for advocacy and resources are couple of advantages. \$50 membership dues. Amber will complete the application.

Amber made a motion to join FOL Section of the New York Library Association. Chris 2ndd. All approved.

5) Updates:

a) Discussion on FOGPL's role in library's 100thcelebration in September. 9/14 Thurs 6-9 pm is for formal presentation with refreshments;

9/16 Sat mid-day kids event. Pam Vitale is organizing refreshments with Kendra's Catering . Two speakers are lined up: Mary Tomlin, City of Ithaca Historian, TC Historic Preservation who will discuss William Henry Miller the architect for the library. Rose Tucker Groton historian will discuss Dr. Miles Goodyear's role as founder.

Theme is "Past, Present and Future." Activities in the works: Poster boards being assembled; demos of library's technology; and kid's project on what library might look

like in 50 years; teen 100 book summer read contest and 100 book give-away; and scavenger hunt.

b) Expansion – John Watkins, library trustee, has been appointed as an advisor to the expansion committee.

Thomi McIntyre, also candidate for Library Board of Trustees) is doing an artistic rendition of the new library renovation. It was also noted that Sandy Ferris is also a T library trustee candidate

6) Record of electronic votes during the previous year by the FOGPL Executive Board:

- Approved Application to incorporate in NYS
- Approved spending of gifts to the Library of \$1031.
- Approved restoration of charter
- Approved purchase of books at Scholastic Book Fair
- Approved Mary Roberts to Executive Board.

7) Upcoming events were noted:

Book sale 8/25,26
100th celebration 9/14 & 16.

8) Other – Linda Willis reported on the crowdfunding workshop she attended on Friday 4/21 in Ithaca, noting the relatively inexpensive cost for advertising an organization in order to boost visibility on social media (including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube etc.) (notes attached). Ted Schiele will let be sharing his work experience with FB.

Linda made motion to adjourn. Amber 2ndd. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.