

READING ROOM ASSOCIATION OF GOUVERNEUR
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021

Members present: Chuck Audet, Donna Besaw, Bob Dunkleberg, Gale Ferguson, Roxann Finley, Alex Koch, Joanne Lahtinen, Pat Milne, Judy Poticher, Anita Stoffel, and Mary Tessmer
Members absent: Jim Delity, Shirley Jones, Mike McDonald

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Anita Stoffel. The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as presented.

Donna presented and discussed the monthly treasurer's report and also the quarterly report. There were no questions.

There was no librarian's report; there was no correspondence.

The nominations committee report followed. Anita Stoffel announced that she was resigning as president of the Board of Trustees, but she was keeping her seat on the Board. Vice-president Chuck Audet said he was not interested in becoming president, but would be willing to remain as vice-president. When the floor was open for suggestions, Roxann nominated Judy Poticher for the office of president; Gale seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The vote was unanimous.

Thank you, Judy.

The personnel committee announced a change in the library manager's position. Reaching a decision after much discussion, the committee recommended the position be offered to Greta Shrader, who is currently working in the library. Chuck moved that we hire Greta; Mary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Her probationary period will be from April 1 – July 31, 2021. Until we have full staffing again, Jane will be able to come in and help if needed. She doesn't want to be paid so we will provide gift certificates to Price Chopper for her.

The House and Grounds committee will go over Bob Shrader's report with him as soon as possible. Mike did request that meetings of that committee be held on Fridays so that he could attend. There was no problem with that request. Gale recommended that we pay the cost of Mr. Shrader's work from funds we have available to us rather than having a fund raiser. All present agreed with him

Friends will hold their annual geranium sale in May on the library lawn. They are combining with the Garden Club and their annual house plant sale on the same day. Plans for Arts in the Park on June 19 are underway. Twelve crafters have already been signed up.

Lauren French would like to donate a Robert Plumb print to the library to be the focal point of some area dedicated to Laura Conklin, who had been a long-time employee at the library. Gale moved to accept her donation; Chuck seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

The resignation of Karen Taylor as a member of the Board of Trustees had been received via email by board members. Roxann moved to accept her resignation; Chuck seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Suggestions were made for presumptive members of the Board.

The circulation desk chair needs to be replaced. Library staff will look for a suitable replacement.

Greta was introduced to the Board and stayed to answer and ask questions.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Next meeting is on May 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Lahtinen