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Minutes of The Groversville Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

June 19, 2012

The Groversville Public Library Board of Trustees held a meeting on June 19, 2012 in the Reading Room at the Library, 58 E. Fulton Street, Groversville, New York at 6:30 P.M.

The following trustees were present: Craig Clark, Jay Ephraim, Karen Smith, Robin Lair, Elizabeth Batchelor and Hannah McAllister. Michael J. Frank, Financial and Recording Secretary and Barbara J. Madonna, Director of the Groversville Public Library also attended the meeting. Christine Pesses, David Fisher and Daniel Towne, Jr. were excused from the meeting.

Ms. Batchelor, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, opened the meeting by leading the Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Batchelor asked if there was anything anyone from the Public wished to present at this time. Ms. Madonna introduced Christopher Lasnick who did a presentation on a program called "The Project" that he is trying to get funding for in Johnstown and Groversville. Ms. Batchelor thanked him for his time in doing his presentation.

Ms. Batchelor asked the Trustees to review the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Trustees held on May 15, 2012. Ms. Batchelor asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the meeting as presented. Hearing none, Mrs. McAllister made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lair, to approve the minutes as presented. This motion was approved all voting aye.

In Mr. Fisher's absence, Ms. Batchelor asked Mr. Frank to review the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2012 and the fiscal year-to-date through May 31, 2012 with the Trustees. Mr. Frank commented that the Library's receipts through May 31, 2012 were already over the budget for the whole year by approximately \$12,000. Mr. Frank commented that several expense categories appear, at this point, to be coming in under budget due to the mild winter and one full time person being out on disability since April 10, 2012. Mr. Frank asked if there were any other questions or comments on the financials for the month of May or the year to date through May 31, 2012. Hearing none, Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. This was approved all voting aye.

Mr. Frank informed the Trustees that he had realized that the Library should be recording the transfer of the Library property and the adjacent parking lot on the books of the Library prior to our year-end on June 30, 2012. Ms. Madonna informed the Trustees that the City had assessed the Library property for \$405,500 and the parking lot property for \$16,300 in 2008 as part of their full value assessment process. Mr. Frank informed the Trustees that he had consulted with Robert Thaisz at West & Company and his non-profit partner said that we should record the property at Fair Market Value as of the date of acquisition which could be deemed to be the value established by the City in 2008 if the Board of Trustees felt that this was a fair amount. After some discussion, Mrs. Lair made a motion, seconded by Mrs. McAllister, to approve the recording of the property at the value established by the City in 2008 plus the expenses of acquiring the property. This was approved all voting aye.

Ms. Batchelor informed the Trustees that the Friends of the Library had raised approximately \$3,600 between the IM3 Concert and the book sale held in June. Ms. Batchelor also informed the Trustees that the deadline for any articles for the Friend's next newsletter is July 15th. Ms. Batchelor also informed the Trustees that the Friends had elected new officers effective with their September meeting.

Ms. Madonna informed the Trustees that Ghiorso and Sorrenti, Inc. had completed their interviewing process and were working on getting their report ready for the Trustees.

Ms. Madonna informed the Trustees that the cleaning of the outside of the building is done and that they have inspected for cracks and other pointing up that needs to be done. They are currently working on matching mortar and limestone colors. Our current contract allows for 250 linear feet of repair, which would do the front of the building from the northwest corner on East Fulton Street to the southwest corner on Fremont Street. The estimate to do the rest of the building is \$17,000. The Trustees agreed to authorize Ms. Madonna to proceed with the additional repointing and crack repair as needed. Ms. Madonna also informed the Trustees that the front facade might need some repair but after consulting with Paul Mays from Butler Rowland and Mays it was decided not to touch it at this point in time as it would involve considerable unknown expense and is not urgent.

Ms. Madonna informed the Trustees that she had purchased the property on the other side of the Fulton County Probation Department at 66 East Fulton Street in the Fulton County foreclosure auction for \$530 including expenses.

Ms. Madonna informed the Trustees that she had attended a New York State Regional Economic Development workshop at SUNY Oneonta and that there is \$730 million available in Grant monies with various match requirements and reimbursements. She will report at future meetings about our possibilities of obtaining some of this money perhaps for the window replacement on the South side of the building or the Design Development phase of the Master Renovation Project.

Ms. Madonna informed the Trustees that our attorney had not yet had a chance to review our By-laws and purchasing updates so this needs to be put on hold until our July meeting.

Ms. Madonna informed the Trustees that Ms. Gennett's health has improved slightly but still doesn't know if she will be returning to work in July.

Mr. Ephraim brought the Trustees up to date on the progress with GLOVERSVILLE READS! 2012. Rob Edelman did his presentation here yesterday and six people attended. There are no sign ups for the bus trip to Cooperstown. A suggestion was made that we do another session of articles in the Tri County Closeup to remind people to sign up.

Mrs. Lair informed the Trustees that the Public Relations Committee had to postpone their meeting and a new date still needs to be scheduled.

Ms. Madonna informed the Trustees that she had nothing additional for the Director's Report.

Ms. Batchelor informed the Trustees that she had nothing additional for the President's Report.

Mr. Frank informed the Trustees that the Foundation had not met since their Annual Meeting in December.

Ms. Batchelor asked if there was any old business or new business to be brought before the Trustees.

Hearing none, the next meeting of the Trustees, which will be the Organizational Meeting, was set for July 17, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. to be followed by the Regular Trustees meeting.

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lair to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. This was approved all voting aye.

Michael J. Frank
Recording Secretary

Karen S. Smith
Secretary