

**Goshen Public Library and Historical Society  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Minutes of October 10, 2011**

**Regular Meeting**

**Call to order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on October 10, 2011 in the Local History room of the Library. The presiding officer was Ellen Mary O'Brien.

**Acceptance of Agenda**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present**

Seven members of the Board were present: Bernie Marone, Tiffany Milidantri, Norma Nunez-Langlois, Ellen Mary O'Brien, Keith Roddey, Jim Tarvin and Frank Wolter. These members constitute a quorum. Also present, Matt Gomm, Director, and Jack Denman, Principal Account Clerk.

**Absent**

None.

**Privilege of the Floor**

None.

**Minutes of the Meeting of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of September 3rd, 2011 emergency meeting be accepted. Motion, Jim Tarvin. Second, Tiffany Milidantri. Approved (7-0-0).

**Minutes of the Meeting of September 12th, 2011**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of September 12th, 2011 regular meeting be accepted. Motion, Norma Nunez-Langlois. Second, Bernie Marone. Approved (7-0-0).

**Minutes of the Meeting of September 19th, 2011**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of September 19th, 2011 regular meeting be accepted. Motion, Frank Wolter. Second, Tiffany Milidantri. Approved (7-0-0).

**Treasurer's Report**

Jack Denman's monthly report included the balance sheet and profit & loss statement for the first three months of the new fiscal year. Tax money has been received as of Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. The auditor's report is expected for next month's meeting. In addition, Jack reported that as of October 1st the outstanding balance on the loan is \$307,569.

**RESOLVED** to accept the treasurer's report as presented by Jack Denman. Motion, Frank Wolter. Second, Bernie Marone. Approved (7-0-0).

**Committee Reports:**

Ken Tschan gave a report on the cultural adult programs which were completed for this season. Shakespeare in the Park had four very successful programs. The jazz festival was successful, while not eligible for grant this year, grants will be applied for next year to help with the cost of this part of the adult programs. Big Band was well attended and events such as the trivia contest held at the Historical Track have added to the overall public relations for the library and its events. Questions on signage and advertising for these events were asked and answered with ideas added for increased exposure.

Friends of the Goshen Library have made it known that they are willing to help fund a generator for the library to be used during emergency situations and they are waiting for direction from the board on how they can proceed.

### **Director's Report**

Matt Gomm reported that the restoration of the basement remains the top priority in the daily operation of the library. Matt gave a report that a sump pump has been installed and drywall will be installed this week. All paper work for FEMA has been completed and turned in. A grant has been received in the amount of \$1,000 to be used to help with the cost of overtime expenses incurred because of the storms and the clean-up process. In addition, a \$500 Award has been received for Michelle Muller's Harry Potter project. Symphony will go live on 12/5/11. The Friends Antique Faire went well and made a few dollars. The yearly paperwork for our operating variance has been submitted.

Additional reports were made available to the board from the Adult / Reference Services which included collection development, programming, and statistics. A report from Children's Services included program attendance, meetings /conferences attended and future ideas/plans.

### **Unfinished Business**

A. Business Plan. Paper work was handed out in preparation for the next regular meeting.

### **New Business**

A. Frank mentioned that the library is not subject to town inspectors rulings. Discussion was entered into on this subject and further investigation will take place. This subject will be addressed at a future date.

B. **MOTION** to submit an affirmative vote to the RCLS 2012 Budget Vote request. Motion, Jim Tarvin. Second, Norma Nunez-Langlois. Approved (7-0-0)

C. **MOTION** to submit an affirmative vote to the RCLS 2012-2016 Direct Access Vote request. Motion, Frank Wolter. Second, Keith Roddey. Approved (7-0-0).

D. **MOTION** to accept the proposal that the John Bruin Collection be loaned to the Goshen Historical Track until such time as the GPL&HS requests its return. Motion, Frank Wolter. Second, Norma Nunez-Langlois. Approved (7-0-0)

E. **MOTION** to revise the GPL&HS mission statement to read as follows:

Mission Statement                      The mission of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society is to provide and promote open and equal access to ideas and to the resources and services of the Library in order to meet the informational, educational, and cultural needs of the community. The Library strives to enrich reading and the use of technology for lifelong learning and the enhancement of the individual's quality of life.

Motion, Keith Roddey. Second, Norma Nunez-Langlois. Approved (7-0-0)

F. Other. The Board of the Goshen Senior Center wishes it to be known that they offer the library space for Children's programs and for movies for seniors.

### **Proposed agenda items for the next meeting**

None.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLVED** that the Board enter into executive session at 9:15pm for the discussion of contractual matters. Motion, Norma Nunez-Langlois. Second, Frank Wolter. Approved (7-0-0)

**RESOLVED** that the Board end executive session at 9:30pm. Motion, Bernie Marone. Second, Frank Wolter. Approved (7-0-0)

**Adjournment**

**RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:32 p.m. Motion, Norma Nunez-Langlois. Second, Frank Wolter. Approved (7-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Carol T. Cullen

Next Meeting: November 14, (Monday) 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting