**GREENSBORO FREE LIBRARY**

**Board of Trustees**

July 25, 2017

Minutes

Present:

Trustees—Hal Gray, Ken Johnston, Carol Reynolds, Donna Jenckes, Becky Arnold, Virginia Lapierre

Alternates—John Miller

Librarians—Mary Metcalf, Debbie Kasper, Emily Purdy

Absent--Rosann Hickey Cook

The meeting was called to order by Hal Gray at 4:00 pm.

Hal Gray extended the Board’s condolences to Debbie, Becky, and Ken who lost loved ones during the past month.

A revision was made to the agenda for today’s meeting to add time for discussion of our oil pre-buy for the upcoming heating season.

The minutes of the meeting for June 27 were accepted and approved as distributed.

Librarian’s Report—Mary reported that the library has been busy as is expected for the summertime. She then recapped the written report that had been distributed earlier and reported that Connie Belevance has weeded through the biography section and culled less popular books. She also noted that the Turrell Fund grant will be submitted by Friday. Mary reminded the Board about the upcoming book discussion on The Oxford Companion to Cheese which will be August 10 at 7:00 pm. We were encouraged to provide light refreshments. Universal classes offer a certain number of free classes to patrons. It was suggested that perhaps it is time to advertise that benefit again.

Youth Librarian’s Report—Emily reported that the Maker Space is now officially open! Patrons are encouraged to drop in and be creative. A mural for the Children’s Room is being created, and August 5, we will have another Maker Space event where book boxes will be made for the community.

Treasurer’s Report—Hal presented the highlights from the Treasurer’s report for review. Extended thanks and appreciation to Donna for all she does! Donna presented options for this year’s fuel oil pre-buy with the best price of $2.189 being from Fred’s. Hal moved to accept the pre-buy offer from Fred’s and Ken seconded. The Board approved the motion. Discussion followed as to the recent changes to the laws regarding foundations for oil tanks. All agreed that we should look into this.

Maintenance Report—Due to health issues, no repairs have been made this past month. A fiction room window needs some new caulking to prevent the rain from entering. Thanks and appreciation were extended to Mike Metcalf for his recent work in the Maker Space.

Fundraising—Becky reported that to date, we have brought in about $2500 from the summer raffle. With three weeks of prizes to go, we discussed having a fresh round of advertising to remind people that they can still buy tickets. Perhaps a photo of a daily winner could be sent to the Hardwick Gazette. Becky will make another announcement on Front Porch Forum.

Chairman’s Report—Hal had nothing to report for this meeting.

Old/New business:

--We are still looking for someone to fill the last vacant spot as an Alternate Trustee. We would be especially pleased to find someone with a business/finance/treasurer background.

--Trustee biographies were distributed for review.

--Volunteers are still needed to help both in summer and year-round. The need is especially felt for Monday and Wednesday in the summer, and Friday all year long, from 2:00-4:00. See Debbie.

--Volunteer recognition tea was discussed and will be looked into by Debbie and Becky.

Hal made a motion to adjourn at 5:10. It was seconded by Becky, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Reynolds, Secretary