

Wednesday, August 21, 2013
MINUTES
Pember Library and Museum
Board of Trustees Meeting

Attending Trustees: Marcia Klam, Bo Young, Kaela O'Grady, Phyllis Cavanagh, Shelly Keene, Robert McGuire, Gigi Zeitler

Absent Trustees: Mary Frances Silitch, Mario Torres

Advisory Committee: Paul Elsholz

Attending Staff: Ardyce Bresett

Members of the Public: None

President Marcia Klam called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM in the main reading room of the library.

Approval of Minutes: Bo Young moved to approve last month's minutes; Robert McGuire seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

Library Report discussion:

- ☐ Marcia suggested the library should offer parenting classes. Ardyce indicated that we have done so, but attendance had been poor. There was agreement that we should do it anyway.
- ☐ Ardyce advised that JoAnn is resigning from the library staff. Ardyce is in process of finding a replacement. A new person is replacing Mike Smith.

Approval of Library Report: Shelly Keene moved to approve the Library Report; Gigi Zeitler seconded; the motion was carried unanimously.

Museum Report discussion:

- ☐ We are being dropped by our health insurance carrier because we are not a large enough group. Pat Wesner is looking into a plan that will cost the Pember less, but it has a huge deductible. Also looking into a way that Ardyce can be covered. This will have to be investigated by an executive committee before a decision can be reached.
- ☐ Pat and Marcia have both written a thank you letter to the Copper Beach Foundation for their extremely generous donation to the Pember.
- ☐ For approximately ten years, various Pember boards of trustees have taken funds from the endowment(?) to pay bills to keep the Pember open; we've just learned that we can't do that. Marcia proposed that we begin to repay the fund beginning with \$10,000. She asked for a motion – **Shelly moved to pay \$10,000 back to the fund; Bo seconded; all approved.**
- ☐ The Lake St. Catherine Country Club is losing its chef. We have been told that we can't have our Annual Dinner and Auction there, as planned. Marcia recommended that we hold it at the Pember. The Pember is large enough for the 75 people we usually host, and

the event can be limited to 75. Several possible caterers were suggested and discussed. Having a bartender was also considered. Seating and tables were examined. Gigi will make a scale seating plan. Musicians were discussed. Board members to solicit gifts for auction. Saturday, October 19th was suggested as the new date for the event. We will hold a special meeting to make decisions and finalize plans.

New Business: Bo sent an email to Trustees about a radio program involving the Passenger Pigeon. Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the extinction of the Passenger Pigeon. A website listed museums that have examples of this bird, and the Pember was not listed. We have three passenger pigeons, as well as several eggs. An email from Bo resulted in an offer to bring a speaker to Granville to give a presentation at the Pember. **Bo moved to have us become a sponsoring organization for this cause; Marcia seconded; motion was approved.**

Bo indicated that an executive committee is needed – two or three trustees who will study issues and make recommendations to the board.

There were no public comments.

Bo moved to adjourn the meeting; Gigi seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Gigi Zeitler