MINUTES
of the ANNUAL MEETING & REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the
PEMBER LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
July 17, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pember Library and Museum was held on Thursday, July 17, 2014, at the Pember building on West Main Street, Granville, NY. The annual meeting was held concurrently, as provided by the By-Laws.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board, Mary King, at 6:04 PM. The following Board members, constituting a quorum, were present: Mary King (President); Mary Ann Cary (Vice President); Charles King (Secretary); Robert Tatko (Treasurer); Rob McGuire; Jerry McKinney. The following members were absent: Mary Silich, Mario Torres. Ardyce Bressett, Library Director, was present.

As the first order of business, Charles King and Jerry McKinney were sworn in to serve a three-year term, having been duly appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Granville. A third newly appointed trustee, Cindy Boone, was absent. Denise Davies, Deputy Village Clerk, swore in the new trustees.

The Board President and Secretary conducted the election of officers for 2014-15. The officers elected were: Mary King (President); Mary Ann Cary (Vice President); Jerry McKinney (Secretary); Robert Tatko (Treasurer). Following election, the new officers were sworn in by Deputy Village Clerk, Denise Davies.

The agenda was adopted.

The minutes of the previous meeting (June 19, 2014) were approved

The Pember Library Board Report was presented by Ardyce Bressett, Library Director. The Museum Board Report, prepared by Bernadette Hoffman, Museum Educator, was presented in writing. [Both reports are attached to these minutes.]

The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Trustee Robert Tatko. A motion was adopted to pay the regular bills of the Library and Museum. [The Treasurer’s Report is attached to these minutes.]

The following reports were received and actions taken by the Board:

(a) Budget & Finance Committee: 1) The Committee had a successful meeting with one of the Pember’s major donors. As a result of this meeting Trustee Robert Tatko has prepared a grant proposal for improvements to the facility. 2) The Board approved the following motion: The Capital Campaign Fund ($167,000) will be invested with Merrill
Lynch (G. Eric Thornton, CRPC), located in Boston, MA. The funds will be invested in high grade, large cap, dividend-producing companies and 20% into an Eaton Vance bond fund for balance. Trustee Robert Tatko will oversee these investments.

(b) Fundraising Committee: 1) The Ice Cream Social, held on July 5th, was a success. The final amount of money raised was not available. Thanks were expressed to the staff for their hard work in making this event a success. 2) The theme of the August First Friday will be “Dreadful Art Comes to the Pember.” Thanks was expressed to Trustee Rob McGuire for his continued work on these events. 3) The Board voted to discontinue serving alcoholic beverages at First Friday events due to the cost of the liquor license. 4) Four grant applications were approved by the Board. Thanks were expressed to Trustees Rob McGuire and Robert Tatko for their diligent work on these applications.

(c) Buildings & Grounds Committee: The Board agreed to approve the Eagle Scout project presented by Scott Bogart. Members of the Committee will supervise this project for the Board.

(d) Personnel Committee: no report

(e) Museum Committee: no report

(f) Library Committee: no report

(g) Policy & By-Laws Committee: no report

The Board discussed the following items: 1) a possible donation of land to the Pember; 2) a “Nine & Wine” golfing event as a fundraiser.

During the Public Forum, one person raised the issue of absenteeism by Board members. This issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Board voted to adjourn at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry McKinney, Secretary