

Minutes of
2017 Annual Meeting of
The Grange Foundation
Friday, October 27, 2017
Laconia, NH

Present: Bob Haefner, President, Dave Babson, Vice President, Andrew Savage, Treasurer, Tara Sad, Secretary, Jozi Best, Lorraine Merrill, Tim O'Connell, Gail McWilliam-Jellie, Linda Lauer, Jim Tetreault

Not Present: John Porter, Steve Shurtleff, Sandy Salo

Pres. Haefner opened the meeting with an introduction of the members of the Board of Directors.

Letter of Resignation

Pres. Haefner reported that he had received a letter of resignation from board member Steve Shurtleff, whose duties as House Minority Leader are preventing him from fulfilling his role. **Dave Babson moved and Linda Lauer seconded a motion to accept the resignation, with regrets. The resulting vote was unanimous**

President's Report

Pres. Haefner read his report (attached). He then reported that he would be stepping down as President after six years in the position. He will stay on the board, but will be passing over the responsibility to his successor.

Nominations

Gail McWilliam-Jellie placed in nomination for directors for 2018 the names of directors whose terms are expiring this year but who have agreed to continue on. These are **Lorraine Merrill, Andrew Savage, Dave Babson and Linda Lauer.**

Tara Sad seconded the motion, and the vote as a slate of officers was unanimous.

Secretary's Report

The President then reminded the board that Secretary Tara Sad had previously sent out the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Grange Foundation to all the board members. He asked if there were any changes to be made. **There being none, Tim O'Connell moved and Gail McWilliam-Jellie seconded the motion that the minutes be accepted as submitted.**

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported on the status of the accounts. For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017, we had a balance of \$110,052.92 in the Morgan Stanley Account, and a balance of \$665.25 in the Provident Bank checking account. We awarded a scholarship for \$2,000.00. There were no requests for financial assistance this year from Granges.

Jozi Best moved and Lorraine Merrill seconded acceptance of the report as submitted. The resulting vote was unanimous

Fundraising

Jim Tetreault reported that the fundraising letter resulted in \$470.00 in contributions. The next appeal drive will have two letters – one for individuals, and the other for organizations or corporations. This fundraising is to support the costs of operating the Foundation – particularly insurance premiums.

Election of Directors

Lorraine Merrill read the slate of officer candidates for the coming year. They are:

Jim Tetreault, President
Dave Babson, Vice President
Andrew Savage, Treasurer
Tara Sad, Secretary

This motion was seconded by Jozi Best, and the resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

(Note: At the next day's NH State Grange Annual Meeting, a motion was made by Leroy Watson, seconded by Jim Tetreault, that the officers of the Grange Foundation be approved by the delegates. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor)

Other Business

Jim Tetreault thanked outgoing President Bob Haefner for the excellent leadership he had demonstrated in his term as President of the Foundation.

Dave Babson then reported on his presentation of the scholarship check to Elizabeth Nelson, who was very deserving of the award.

There being no further business, Lorraine Merrill moved and Tara Sad seconded a motion to adjourn. The vote was unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad

Tara Sad, Secretary