

Annual Meeting
Library Association of Ringwood Inc.

December 10, 2018

7:30 PM

Ringwood Public Library

ATTENDANCE: Library Director, Elise Bedder (the “Director”), Heather Nemeth, Karen Marcus, Amy Boyle Geisel, Ed Thomas, Anne Siebecker, Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom, Amanda Beth McCormick Gillman, Elizabeth Conroy, Linda Schaefer, 19 members of the Association, 2 members of the public.

Call to Order and Statement of Meeting Notice: The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Amy Boyle Geisel (“ABG”), President of the Board and she read the following statement: Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the usual course to the Suburban Trends, the Record, Herald News, WGHT, Channel 77, the Borough Manager and the RPL website. Notice was posted inside the RPL and Notice of the meeting was mailed to each member and posted inside the RPL in accordance with the By-Laws/Constitution of the Association.

Approval of Minutes, Agenda: ABG addressed those in attendance. Packets consisting of four documents were distributed at the door: Minutes from 12/11/17 Annual meeting, an Agenda for tonight’s meeting, a Ballot and the Strategic Plan 2019-2023 pamphlet. ABG asked that all Association members in good standing as of Oct.1, 2018 check to make sure that they had the Ballot and a pencil as those are the people who can vote tonight.

ABG welcomes the group and explains the rules of the public meeting according to the By-laws/Constitution of the Assoc. and Robert’s Rules as annotated. The purpose of this meeting is to elect seven board members for the nine member Board of Trustees. For all other business, the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 28, 2019 at 7:30 at the library and all are welcome to attend. ABG asks all who were in attendance at 12/11/17 Annual Meeting to review the Minutes for accuracy and content.

Approval of Minutes from 12/11/17 Meeting:
Eileen Manley makes a motion to accept the Minutes from December 11, 2017 annual meeting and Lisa Petri seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Strategic Plan: ABG gives an overview of the process of getting information, input and feedback regarding the creating of the Strategic Plan for the future of RPL. ABG reviews the progress over 18 months of the Strategic Plan Committee, made up of the Director, Trustees, Friends, Staff and a professional consultant. With the input of 77 members of the public who attended one or both of the town hall style meetings held by the Committee, in person and on line surveys, the Plan envisions the future

of the library. Copies of the Plan will be made available on the website and at the Circulation Desk. The pamphlet given out tonight gives the outline of the Plan.

Elise Bedder addresses the group and narrates the power point presentation highlighting the four areas of the Strategic Plan: Layout and Design, Community Engagement, Technology and Fundraising. Committees will be developed that address these issues and the Director invited the public and their friends to take an active part in the development of the strategic plan, both in volunteerism and funding. PayPal can now be accessed to make online donations to the library.

Election of Trustees:

ABG presents the slate of candidates recommended by the nominating Committee of the Board of Trustees: Elizabeth Conroy, Amy Boyle Geisel, Karen Marcus, Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom, Linda Schaefer and Anne Siebecker. These are 6 out of the 7 candidates for Trustees of the Board. Board members serve a two year term.

Amy Boyle Geisel states that there is one vacancy on the Board left by the resignation of Heather Nemeth. She asks if there are nominees for Trustee from the floor. Lisa Petri nominates Lauren Maguire to be a candidate tonight for Trustee and Heather Nemeth seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously. The seven candidates address the group. Each candidate is allowed two minutes to speak. ABG asks if there are any questions from those present for any of the candidates, there being none the meeting continues.

Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom makes a motion to close the nominations. Heather Nemeth seconds the motion, which passes unanimously. Amy Boyle Geisel explains that we use a closed written ballot system to ensure privacy and accuracy. ABG explains the printed ballot and the options to the membership to write in a candidate and spells Lauren Maguire out for the audience.

Amy Boyle Geisel makes a motion to begin the vote and Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom seconds. The motion to begin the vote passes. Members in good standing as of Oct.1, 2018 are asked to vote. Amy Boyle Geisel addresses the membership: tonight we will use a closed balloting system to ensure privacy. You will each write down your preferences for the 7 trustee positions on your ballots, make a check next to or write in the names of the people you wish to vote for and write in candidate's name if you choose to do so. Bring your ballot up to the table and put into the ballot box. PLEASE do not make any other notations on the ballot. Please, do not write in a fictional name or the name of someone who was not a member of the Association on 10/2/17 – that will serve as an abstention. You do not have to vote for 7 candidates, but you have the right to vote for any positions that are open. ABG asks all members to vote and the Members vote.

Amy Boyle Geisel addresses the membership: Are there any other votes? Has everyone who wanted to vote and entitled to vote, voted? Then I move that the voting be closed. Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom seconds. The motion carries

unanimously. Amy Boyle Geisel asks the tellers to remove all the ballots from the box, count the ballots and make their report on the vote on the tally sheets provided. ABG advises that the meeting will continue according to the Agenda while the votes are counted.

Board Announcements: At the November Board meeting, Heather Nemeth submitted her resignation from the Board after serving for over 35 years. Amy Boyle Geisel made a statement concerning Heather's long time service and dedication. She introduced Mayor John Speer, who read the annexed proclamation. Members of the public, staff and fellow board members testified to Heather's service to the community.

Board of Trustee Election Results:

Amy Boyle Geisel asks the tellers if they are done tabulating the votes, response being yes they are asked to report on the ballots. ABG reviews the Tally sheet prepared by the tellers. The Trustees as elected are: Elizabeth Conroy, Amy Boyle Geisel, Karen Marcus, Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom, Linda Schaefer, Anne Siebecker and Lauren Maguire.

Amy Boyle Geisel asks the Tellers at the table, is there clear and convincing evidence by way of the ballots received tonight that 7 Trustees have been selected? Are you confident that these results reflect your report? Are you confident that you did not leave the ballot boxes unattended and the report accurately reflects the votes cast tonight? Two tellers respond in affirmative and are thanked by Amy Boyle Geisel. She declares that there is a clear and convincing majority for each of these 7 candidates and that these 7 are elected as Trustees in accordance with our Constitution/By Laws and Robert's Rules as revised. ABG thanks the Trustees who have served in the past and welcomes the newly elected Trustees. ABG states that she believes the Board will accomplish good things together for the Ringwood Public Library. ABG thanks those present for coming tonight and exercising your right to vote and engaging in discussion about our Library. ABG moved that as the voting is concluded, that the Assoc. moves on with our Agenda, Heather Nemeth seconds and the motion carries unanimously.

Public Session:

Amy Boyle Geisel makes a motion to go into Public Session and Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom seconds. The motion passes.

A member of the public asks for a Treasurer's Report for the Association and inquires about the number of members in the Association. Amy Geisel says that there are 77 members and that specifics regarding any Assoc. bank account the member would like will be made available to her by the Director and/or she is welcome to attend the Jan. Board Meeting and get the updated report then. ABG asks the member if that answers her question and is told that it does. There being no other questions from the public, Amy Boyle Geisel moves to go out of Public Session and Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom seconds. The motion carries.

Director's Announcements:

Elise Bedder addresses the group and reviews the library's main events for 2018: Strategic Plan, updating the tech services, creation of Emergency Access Plan including active shooter drills, quarterly fire drills, borough support, and partnership with community groups, partnership with the schools and interior design planning. The Director thanks Heather Nemeth for her years of support and dedication. She also thanks the Borough and Scott Heck for the help, support and guidance that they offered this year. She thanks her staff for their kindness and support throughout her cancer treatment. The Director thanks all of the volunteers and encourages the public to renew their membership in the Association.

Adjournment: Amy Boyle Geisel reminds the public about the special election on December 11th concerning the Lakeland Regional High School Turf Field Referendum and encourages the public to vote. She thanks the Association members for their attendance, wishes them Happy Holidays and encourages them to get involved in the library. Heather Nemeth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, ABG seconds and the motion carries. Thank you Heather Nemeth. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on January 28, 2019, 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Marcus, Secretary
December 17, 2018