

APPROVED

Annual Meeting Library Association of Ringwood Inc.

December 11, 2017

7:30 PM

Ringwood Public Library

ATTENDANCE: Library Director, Elise Bedder (the “Director”), Heather Nemeth, Heather Manley Caldwell, Karen Marcus, Amy Boyle Geisel, Ed Thomas, Anne Siebecker, Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom, Lisa Straubinger, Amanda Beth McCormick Gillman, 16 members of the Association, 1 member of the public.

Call to Order and Statement of Meeting Notice: The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Amy Boyle Geisel, 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:

Packets consisting of three documents were distributed at the door: Minutes from 12/14/16 Annual meeting, an Agenda for meeting and a ballot.

Amy Boyle Geisel welcomes the group and explains the rules of the public meeting according to the ByLaws/Constitution of the Assoc. and Robert’s Rules as annotated. The purpose of this meeting is to elect four board members for the nine member Board of Trustees. For all other business, the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 22, 7:30 at the library and all are welcome to attend. She invites all who are interested to read the Association By Laws and the Constitution of the library which are available in a green binder in the Reference Section.

Approval of Minutes from 12/14/16 Meeting:

Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom makes a motion to accept the minutes from December 2016 annual meeting with one amendment. Anne Siebecker seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously with Amanda Beth McCormick Gillman abstaining.

Election of Trustees:

Board President Amy Boyle Geisel presents the slate of candidates recommended by the Board of Trustees: Heather Manley Caldwell, Amanda Beth McCormick Gillman, Heather Nemeth, Edward J. Thomas. These are 4 out of the 9 Trustees of the Board. Board members serve a two year term.

Amy Boyle Geisel asks if there are nominees for Trustee from the floor. There are no nominations from the floor.

The candidates address the group. Each candidate is allowed two minutes to speak.

Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom makes a motion to close the nominations. Lisa Straubinger seconds the motion. The motion passes. Amy Boyle Geisel explains that we use a closed ballot system.

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 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 4 trustee positions on your ballots, make a check next to or write in the names of the people you wish to vote for, fold your ballot in half and bring it 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 4 candidates, but you have the right to vote for any positions that are open. 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.

Director's Announcements:

Elise Bedder addresses the group and reviews the library's main events for 2017: new website, author talks, Girl Scout Overnight, Robotics programs, tech services for patrons, new logo, borough support, police support, partnership with the Recreation Department, partnership with the schools, strategic planning, interior design planning.

Board of Trustee Election Results:

Amy Boyle Geisel asks the teller to report on ballots, the Trustees as elected are Heather Manley Caldwell, Amanda Beth McCormick Gillman, Heather Nemeth, Edward J. Thomas.

Amy Boyle Geisel asks the Tellers at the table, is there clear and convincing evidence by way of the ballots received tonight that 4 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 4 candidates and that these 4 are elected as Trustees in accordance with our Constitution/By Laws and Robert's Rules as revised. Amy Geisel said, "I join with all the members tonight in thanking those Trustees who have served in the past and I welcome the newly elected Trustees. I know that we will accomplish good things

together for the Ringwood Public Library. I thank you all for coming tonight and exercising your right to vote and engage in discussion about our Library. I move now that we have concluded with the voting and we resume the regular business of this Association in accordance with our Agenda.” Lisa Straubinger seconds and the motion carries.

Public Session:

Amy Boyle Geisel makes a motion to go into Public Session and Amanda Beth McCormick Gillman seconds. The motion passes. Amy Boyle Geisel announces the beginning of strategic planning for the library and encourages the members of the group to participate.

A member of the public asks why the fee for the Association and the Friends will be raised to \$10 each. Discussion ensues. The Board agrees to revisit this discussion in the January meeting. All mailings will be postponed until then. Amy Boyle Geisel moves to go out of Public Session and Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom seconds. The motion carries.

Board Announcements: Susan Rakosi Rosenbloom invites the public to attend a strategic planning meeting on December 16, 2017.

President’s Address: Amy Boyle Geisel reviewed the new directions for the library: new pathway for safety reasons, 1,3 and 5 year goals, new AV system, hiring of a design company, having a better dialogue with borough, schools, CFA, CFR, how library addresses our needs, need for donations, grants in the future.

Adjournment: Amy Boyle Geisel thanked the members for their attendance, wished them Happy Holidays and adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next meeting Jan 22, 2018, 7:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Marcus, Secretary
December 12, 2017