

Library Association of Ringwood Inc.
Ringwood Public Library (“RPL”)
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
In person and via Zoom
November 2, 2022 6:30pm
Minutes

Attendance: Amy Boyle Geisel; Jessica Einreinhof; Kathryn Grant; Lauren Maguire; Linda Schaefer; Jennifer Hsu (Zoom); Cathie Studwell (Zoom); Interim Co-Directors Heather Caldwell, and MaryEllen D’Elia; and 4 members of the public. Co-Director Wendy Sandford was absent.

Call to Order

At 6:32PM, Acting President Amy Boyle Geisel called the special meeting to order and read the following statement: Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the usual course to the Suburban Trends, Record, Herald News, Borough Manager, Borough Clerk, and the RPL website. Notice was posted inside RPL and Ringwood Town Hall. This meeting is being recorded.

Regular Agenda

- **Appointment of President**
Because of the resignation of the President at the prior meeting a new President must be appointed to serve until the following January Board reorganization meeting. Linda Schaefer made a motion to appoint Amy Boyle Geisel as President. It was seconded by Lauren Maguire and passed unanimously with the exception of Amy Boyle Geisel who abstained.
- **Appointment of Vice-President**
Kathryn Grant made a motion to appoint Lauren Maguire as Vice-President. It was seconded by Jennifer Hsu and passed unanimously with the exception of Lauren Maguire who abstained.
- **Appointment of Trustee**
Amy Boyle Geisel appointed Hina Mehta as a Trustee, filling the space vacated by the recent resignation. The position will have to stand for election at the December meeting.

Jennifer Hsu and the Nominating Committee will evaluate the new addition to the slate. Jessica Einreinhof agreed to join the Nominating Committee. They will report back with their recommendation at the November 14 meeting at which point a revised membership letter will be drafted to be mailed to the membership.

- **Retainer Agreement with Attorney**
Amy Boyle Geisel asked for authority to sign the Retainer Agreement with Michael Cerone, Esq. as the attorney for the Library Association of Ringwood, Inc. Jennifer Hsu made the motion. It was seconded by Jessica Einreinhof and passed unanimously.

Public Session

Cathie Studwell made a motion to enter open public session. Linda Schaefer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Robin Canetti respectfully requested a removal of the two minute limit with a view to the increase of community participation. Further, she remarked that the participation by the

Borough Manager in the last meeting's executive session was unacceptable and requested that the comments made in Executive Session be made public. Ms. Canetti also made the point that free and open libraries should be open to all and free of political activity.

A motion was made by Linda Schaefer to close the public session. It was seconded by Lauren Maguire and passed unanimously.

Amy Boyle Geisel responded to Ms. Canetti to let her know that the points about the two minute limit and who can attend Executive Session that she raised would be referred to Michael Cerrone for his input and we would follow-up.

Adjournment - The next regular meeting of the Library Association of Ringwood, Inc. is November 14 at 7:00 pm at the RPL.

There being no further business, at 6:52 PM, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryEllen D'Elia
11/21/2022