

Annual Meeting
Library Association of Ringwood, Inc.
Ringwood Public Library
30 Cannici Drive, Ringwood, NJ
December 13, 2021 – 7:00PM
ZOOM/Remote meeting (Covid-19)

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by President Amanda Beth McCormick Gillman and she 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.

In attendance were: 9 Board Members, the Library Director, and Karen Marcus, Scott Heck, Heather Nemeth, Heather Caldwell, Lisa Petri, And Hina Mehta, being 6 members of the Association; and 2 staff members. In addition, 6 members of the Library Association, including one person in attendance, cast paper ballots immediately prior to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2020

A motion to approve the minutes of the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting was made by Amy Boyle Geisel and seconded by Heather Nemeth. The motion was passed unanimously with abstentions by Jennifer Hsu, Heather Nemeth, Scott Heck, Ed Thomas, Hine Mehta, Arlene Thorn (ballot), and Lynn Thorn (ballot).

Open Comments from the Membership

There being no objections, the meeting was opened to comments from the membership.

Karen Marcus commended the Board and Director for their continued strength in the process of the HVAC installation and applauded everyone for doing a good job.

There being no objection the open portion of the meeting was closed.

Election of Trustees

The Board President called for nominations from the floor and there were none. Five candidates ran for re-election to the Board: Amy Boyle Geisel, Linda Schaefer, Lauren Maguire, Jennifer Hsu, and Fatima Majid. All candidates made a brief statement about their desire to hold office, goals for their tenure, and qualifications for the role of Trustee. An election was held. 19 members of the Association in good standing voted and all 5 candidates were elected by overwhelming majority.

Board and Director's Announcements

The Board President spoke about the challenges and changes in the library because of Covid and the feedback from people in town that has been overwhelmingly positive. She also stated that the focus for fundraising in 2022 will be the creation of more useable outdoor space.

The Library Director expressed his gratitude to the Board and Association Members. He spoke about the challenges of the HVAC project and Covid disruptions of the past year. 2022 will be a year of returning to normalcy. The Director also acknowledged the staff in the success of the library.

Ed Thomas spoke about his resignation from the Board and expressed his gratitude to everyone and his determination to continue his involvement in the Association.

Various Board and Association Members expressed their thanks and gratitude to Ed for his service.

On behalf of Eileen Manley and the Ringwood Library Foundation, the Library Director read a statement explaining the mission of the Foundation and various aspects of the organization's beginnings and current status. The Foundation will accept outright donations of cash and appreciated assets as well as bequests.

Linda Schafer spoke about a possible soup sale as a fundraiser.

Amy Boyle Geisel spoke about the Friends of the Library as another avenue to be involved in the library's functions.

Hina Mehta expressed her gratitude to Dan and the team for the new programs and events.

The Board President thanked Mr. Heck for attending the meeting and for all of the town and council's continuing support of the library.

Scott Heck spoke in support of Dan and the library.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Amy Boyle Geisel to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Linda Schaefer and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM.

The next Annual Meeting will be held on December 5, 2022 at 7:00PM

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on January 10, 2020 at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted,
MaryEllen D'Elia
December 14, 2021