Board of Trustees

Annual Meeting

Annual Board Meeting Minutes. Meeting held via Zoom February 11, 2021

Attendance: Jack Bernstein, President; Miryam Roddy, Vice President; John D'Ascenzo, Secretary; Judy Trichon, Treasurer; Pam Dull, Library Director; Christy DeMallie, Library Assistant Director; Joe Canale, Lower Moreland Commissioner, Karen Schwartz, Friends Liaison; Mitchell Fink; Marilyn Melstein, Marianne Ham, Lindsay Griffith.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Bernstein at 7:04 pm.

Ms. Trichon made a motion to approve the Annual Board meeting minutes from February 13, 2020. Ms. Roddy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President's Annual Review

Mr. Bernstein noted that 2020 has been a transitional year:

The state government shut down due to Covid, yet the library continued to find new ways to serve our community, including Contactless Pick-up.

The sitting Library Director resigned in February and the Board hired a new Director, Pam Dull, in June, and a new Assistant Director, Christy DeMallie, in September.

Through grants and a PPP loan, the Director was able to upgrade and purchase safety supplies and to keep the library financially stable.

In January, the Board elected to remove overdue fines on most library items in order to remove barriers to access for our patrons.

Huntingdon Valley Library will continue to change and modify with the times to remain true to our vision statement where: Huntingdon Valley Library is a forward thinking, essential center of learning and community.

Library Director's Annual Review

Mrs. Dull thanked the Library board for their support of the Library and of the Library Staff during this unusual year. She also thanked the staff for their professionalism and service mentality. She reinforced that the entire staff is dedicated to fulfilling the core values of the library: curiosity, diversity, innovation, lifelong learning, positive relationships, potential, service, and sustainability. She proposes that we add resilience to the library's core values based on how the library has handled this past year.

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Nominating Committee 2021 Nominations:

Mr. Bernstein detailed the terms of office. He proposed that the board approves a 1 year extension to all existing board members. They will set up terms, review bylaws, and continue to search for new members. Ms. Roddy made a motion to extend the terms of all existing Board Members for one year. Dr. D'Ascenzo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee 2021 Nominations:

President, Jack Bernstein Vice-President, Miryam Roddy Treasurer, Judy Trichon Secretary, John D'Ascenzo

There being no additional nominations from the floor, Mr. Bernstein closed nominations. Ms. Trichon made a motion to accept the nominations of the nominating committee. Mr. Fink seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Finance Committee

Ms. Trichon commented that the library did well stabilizing the library during these trying times and hopes that things will return to normal. She is proud of the library, especially Ms. Dull, and some members of the board for securing crucial grants which protected the health and safety of the library staff and patrons. The financial report looks slightly skewed due to funding coming in after the original report was written. Luckily state aid eventually was returned to 100%. Ms. Dull noted that aging building repairs may need to be budgeted for in the future.

Conflict of Interest Statement is at the library. Please drop by to sign the form.

<u>Committee Assignments Currently:</u> (please text Mr. Bernstein to discuss interest in becoming chair or joining/leaving a committee)

- a. Nominating Committee: Jeff Rubin, Miryam Roddy and Mitchell Fink
- b. **Strategic Planning Committee**: Miryam Roddy, Jeff Rubin, John D'Ascenzo, Judy Trichon
- c. Marketing and Fundraising: Judy Trichon, John D'Ascenzo, Miryam Roddy
- d. **Personnel**: Miryam Roddy, Jack Bernstein, John D'Ascenzo
- e. Bylaws: Jack Bernstein, John D'Ascenzo
- f. Finance: Jack Bernstein, Judy Trichon, Jeff Rubin, Mitchell Fink
- g. **Collection Development:** (Ad Hoc established April 2016) Jack Bernstein, Judy Trichon
- h. Building Services and Contracts: Jack Bernstein, Mitchell Fink

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Round Robin: Ms. Roddy, Ms. Trichon, Mr. Bernstein, Ms. Schwartz from HVL Friends, and Commissioner Canale all commended Ms. Dull on the excellent job she has done through this challenging year.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mr. Rubin and seconded by Ms. Roddy. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm. Next meeting is February 11, 2022.