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Blake Memorial Library Association Minutes
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
At the library

Attendees:

From the board of trustees: Shirley Montagne, Rob Rinaldi, Dina Dubois, Tania Aebi, Nick Kramer, Kathryn Price, Carl Demrow
Staff: Jen Spanier, Director; Kimberly Hotelling, Asst. Director
Association members: Hank Buermeyer, Liane Allen, Chris and Holly Groschner, Dan Wing, Katherine Lea, Kellyanne Donahue, Anne McKinsey

After a social hour that began at 6:30, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

BML Trustees President Shirley Montagne welcomed the attendees and introduced the board and staff, and thanked the board and staff for their dedication to the library.

Trustee Tania Aebi gave a presentation of what the Association is, historically and according to BML bylaws, explaining why we were meeting as an association. She also introduced the staff and members of the various committees that serve the library.

The meeting considered the slate for for the Board of Trustees. Some discussion was had about term lengths. There were no elections during the pandemic years as there were no association meetings. Board of Trustee's Slate for 2023-2026 Election (in alphabetical order) with terms of 3 years:

Tania Aebi: April 2021 to April 2024 first term;
Carl Demrow : Dec 2019 to 2022 first term; second term 2022 - 2025
Dina Dubois: Dec 2019 to 2022 first term; second term 2022-2025
Nick Kramer: Sept 2020 to 2023 first term ; second term 2023-2026*
Shirley Montagne: 2018 to 2021 first term; second term 2021 - 2024
Rob Rinaldi: Sept 2020 to 2023 first term; second term 2023-2026*
Katherine Price: Oct 2020 to 2023 first term; second term 2023-2026*
Zoe Tilley: 2023 to 2026*

* First or second term started at the meeting.

Note: Trustees serve in 3-year terms with re-election to another 3 year term. The person can sit out for a year and then be re-elected in the 8th year for a 3 year term.

The slate was nominated and elected unanimously.

Jennifer Spanier, Library Director, gave a brief summary of library events over the past year and plans for the future.

Shirley Montagne presented the Treasurer's report. There was a lot of lively discussion on fund raising. A new fundraising committee was formed by Katherine Lea and Lianne Allen. Topics included legacy contributions, new ways to generate funds.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.