Blake Memorial Library Association Annual Meeting
September 24, 2024

Minutes approved September 16, 2025

Present:

Association members: KellyAnne Donahue, Marian Cawley, Scott Elledge, Jen Spanier, Sheila Herman, Dan Wing, Lisa Locke, Katharine Lea, Jonathan Strong, Hank Buermeyer, Chris Doyle, Virginia Adams, Richard Adams, Chris Esten, Miranda Moody Miller.

Staff: Jen Spanier, Kimberly Hotelling

Board Members: Shirley Montagne, Rob Rinaldi, Tania Aebi, Nick Kramer, Dina Dubois, Kathryn Price, Zoe Tilley Poster, and Carl Demrow.

After a social hour with refreshments that began at 6:30, the meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

BML Trustees President Shirley Montagne welcomed the attendees and introduced staff and board and went through the president's report. Shirley has served two terms and will be going off the board this evening. Shirley said had enjoyed her time on the board and offered her appreciation to the board and staff. Shirley said she would stay on as treasurer.

Jen Spanier gave a brief directors report speaking about the various library offerings and said the library had another good year. Staff has been focused on middle grade kids and having more offerings for that age group. It is amazing how much stuff happens at the library…it is truly impressive!

Kudos were offered to the library and to Shirley for her service by Marian, Lisa Locke, and Rob Rinaldi. Shirley was presented with flowers.

Shirley gave a quick treasurer's report and said our financial position had improved and the fundraising committee is really doing excellent work. Shirley also spoke of how fortunate the library is to have the Gendrot trust which offers a base of funding for the library. Shirley is anticipating a modest surplus at the end of 2024.

Carl presented the slate and moved the slate, Kathryn seconded.

Tania Aebi: April 2021 to April 2024 first term; second term 2024 to 2027
Virginia Adams: Sept 2024 to 2027
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*
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 Poster: 2023 to 2026
Catherine Tudish: Sept 2024 to 2027

The slate was elected unanimously.

Mention was made of a grant the library is waiting on for a pavilion with a solar array. Dept. of Libraries staff are short handed. We look forward to hearing from the state on the grant.

Dan moved to close the association meeting and the association adjourned at 7:37.