Opening of Meeting

A. Brooke Sievers called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.


C. Bramwell made a motion to approve the agenda for the 9/20/23, Board meeting, as submitted. Pekoll seconded the motion and it carried.

Beribak  aye  Murray  aye
Bramwell  aye  Pekoll  aye
Leonard  aye  Sievers  aye

Reports

A. Director’s Report: None
B. Treasurer’s Report: None
C. Board Committee Reports: None
D. Trustee Reports: None
E. Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business
Interview with applicants for Community Representative for Board Finance Committee. Sievers explained the nature of our meeting: to interview the two candidates (Bridgett Brummel and Peter Schwartz).

In her interview Brummel expressed her interest in the position as community representative because of her desire to give to her community. She uses the library to check out books on the weekends. Her background in finance is as an accountant in nonprofits and businesses for over 20 years. Core responsibilities include taxes, budget preparation, and financial reporting. Brummel felt confident that she would be able to commit to the time required. Brummel asked what the expectations for the person filling this role would be. Sievers answered that our previous representative retired, and that
the board was hoping for a knowledgeable person to provide perspective from the community, and think about how we can translate the library’s finances to the public.

In his interview Schwartz expressed his interest in contributing to the community now that he has retired. In the past year, Schwartz has been using the library to use the study areas for a change in venue to focus. Schwartz does not have a direct finance background, but has two degrees in economics, and taught statistics and economics as an adjunct professor. His corporate background was to develop compensation and benefits packages, and has a very analytical background. He has no problem committing to the time required by the committee. Schwartz asked the trustees what they were ideally looking for in a candidate. Murray answered that they were looking for somebody who is interested in the work, and supportive of the library’s mission and were able to bring their skills to the conversation.

The trustees discussed the candidates’ qualifications and thought both of them were excellent, and were grateful for their interest. As a group, the trustees thought Brummel had a slight edge on account of her accounting work and knowledge of municipalities.

New Business

A. Leonard made a motion to appoint Bridgett Brummel to the Board Finance Committee and Murray seconded the motion and it carried.

Adjournment

Sievers adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM by unanimous consent.

Murray aye

Bramwell aye Pekoll aye

Leonard aye Sievers aye

Respectfully submitted,
James Pekoll, Secretary