

Library Trustees Retreat Minutes

January 17, 2106

Present: Alissa Smith, Nichole Wolfgang, Erik Volk, Kristian Connolly, Kirsten Murch, Anne Hatch



Absent: Ellen Cady, Diane Kreis

Note: Because of the informal nature of this meeting, the minutes are not as extensive as prior meetings and do not include the standard components normally recorded during our meetings.

Meeting began at approximately 10:30 AM.

- There was much discussion about the current term expirations of trustees and possible suggestions for people to fill the Trustee vacancies.
 - Ellen has previously indicated that she plans to resign from the Board due to new family responsibilities and her frequent travel schedule.
 - Both Alissa and Nichole's terms will be up for renewal this year. Alissa plans to continue but Nichole has indicated she will not be continuing after her term ends due to work and family responsibilities.
 - It was proposed that Kristian take over the financial responsibilities from Ellen in anticipation of her departure including being listed as the signatory for funds/accounts. The motion was passed.
 - Kristian will continue to complete Deb Orelup's term.
 - We will need to nominate and vote in someone to fill Nichole's spot at Town Meeting. Several candidates were discussed. Anne and Trustees will speak to possible candidates to measure their interest.
 - Discussion around whether we should consider decreasing the Board to five members would be beneficial. No decision was made but the topic may be brought up again at a future meeting.
- Fundraising ideas were discussed. Some of these ideas are listed below. People volunteered as shown below to follow up on certain ideas and report back at the next meeting.
 - Silent Auction – Kristian will investigate
 - Bingo – Kirsten will investigate
 - Casino Night – Erik will investigate
 - Fun Run
 - Cocktail Hour
 - Dance
 - Lake Event – Boulder Beach – Alissa will investigate
 - Band Competition
 - Dinner
 - Wine Tasting
 - Chili Off/Barbecue
 - Solstice Celebration
 - Groton Family Feud
- Discussion ensued regarding the 10 Year Celebration of the Library's new building occurring in July. We will look at what we can do to combine that with a major fundraising effort.
- Alissa reported that our attempt to segregate our meetings into Policy and Procedure meetings did not seem to be working. We will return to our normal focus and have further discussion about how we will proceed.

- It was suggested that the Librarian's Report and Financial Report could be provided in advance so we did not need to spend as much time in discussion of these items unless there were questions.
- It was also suggested that we may delegate certain responsibilities to specific Trustees (such as building issues) so that they could be dealt with without discussion by the entire group.
- It was also suggested that we pick one special topic to focus on each month.
- No decisions about a new meeting format was arrived at.
- Meeting ended at approximately 1 PM.