

Ridgefield Library Board Meeting
December 15, 2014

Present: Amanda Bergen; Matt Byrnes; Marc Colamaria (Board Chair); Liz Kelly; Dean Miller; George Nichols; Gary Rapp; Bob Whitton; David Yaun

Others present: Chris Nolan, Library Director; Laureen Bubniak, Director of Development; Leslie Vuilleumier, Executive Assistant; Gayle Pulley, Children's Services Department Head

Excused: Shane Casey; Rob Ellis; Woody Harford; Philip Lodewick; David Schaffer; Mary Mann Smith

Call to Order

Board Chair Marc Colamaria called the Board meeting to order at 7:45 pm on December 15, 2014 in the Dayton Program Room.

Staff Spotlight

The newly hired Children's Services Department Head, Gayle Pulley, gave a presentation on the Children's Services programs, her background and her philosophy. For being here a few short weeks she has grasped all aspects of programs in that department.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 17, 2014 Library Board meeting were approved as written.

Friends Update

There was no report from the Friends due to the absence of Rhonda Hill. She was sick.

Governance Committee

Dean Miller moved the motion made by Liz Kelly to accept last month's nomination of Bob Whitton as the Library Board Secretary with George Nichols as a second. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Liz Kelly asked that all self-assessment surveys be turned in at the meeting. Those missing surveys can be delivered to the Library as soon as possible.

Development Committee

The Dashboard was passed out. Special Events that just took place were: Camp Snooze, the Wild Game Dinner, Downton Abbey, and Books on the Common Thanksgiving Sale. The Dashboard has been updated with those event numbers. Teen Trivia was held last weekend and was a huge success with 10 sponsors and 60 teen participants.

The Great Expectation committees are working hard on the gala happening in the spring. The Honorees are Nick and Anita Donofrio. Liz & Rob Ellis and David and Julie Yaun are the event chairs. Honorary chairs are the past Paccadolmi Award Recipients.

Donations resulting from the Annual Appeal mailing are coming in.

A “last call” ad appeared in the Ridgefield Press and Ridgefield magazine for a capital campaign donation at the Wall of Donor level..

Finance

The December 1 Finance Committee meeting to discuss the 2015-16 proposed budget took place in preparation of the budget to be submitted to the town. Dean Miller proposed to accept the budget as presented. Bob Whitton so moved with Liz Kelly second. It was voted on and passed.

Amendments to the Investment Policy and a proposal for financing opportunities were sent out to the Board for review. They will be voted on at the January 2015 meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Vuilleumier
Executive Assistant