

Thursday, February 25, 2021
7:30 pm Annual Meeting
Zoom

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Reports and Communication
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Presentation of award to winners of the Spelling Bee
 - ii. Presentation of the Mayor's Award
 - b. Director's Report
 - c. Auxiliary Board
 - d. Finance
4. Election of Trustees
5. Election of Officers
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

Please note, the meeting will adjourn into the Mayor's Award program.

Minutes of the Rye Free Reading Room Annual Meeting, February 28, 2019

Francis Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM with 35 members present and with 54 proxy forms.

Approval of the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

Chase Finley moved to approve the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes, seconded by Sterling Lancken. All approved.

Director's Report

Chris Shoemaker reported on 2018 library activities. Construction impacted collection statistics, but the ebook collection had a significant increase in activity. Library programs remained steady at about 1,100 programs. Chris thanked all the staff and patrons for their patience during construction, and hoped the improvements will be enjoyed by all. Before and after photos of the spaces were shown.

Finance

Ted Burdick reported on the year end financial statements. He thanked the City of Rye for their funding, which comprises $\frac{3}{4}$'s of the operating budget. Ted also reviewed the income from the the Annual Campaign, the Auxiliary Board transfer and fines. Building renovations account for the changes in the Designated Funds, as Next Chapter Capital Campaign funds are spent out. The board approved a \$250,000 loan out to fund a retirement incentive for four senior staff. Cost savings will be used to repay the loan over a 5 year period. Financial market performance led the endowment to decrease by 2.75 % in 2018.

Auxiliary Board

Elizabeth Parks thanked the previous co-presidents and members of the Auxiliary board for their work. She invited all to attend the Vehicle Fair. She noted Novel Night will be held in 2020.

President's Report

Francis noted that construction should be done in the next 45 days, and would be coming in at \$1.3 million instead of \$2.5 million as initially estimated. He commented that the Rye Free Reading Room is a place where people can explore different perspectives, interact and exchange ideas. Libraries are social spaces that reduce the pigeon hole effects of technology. Francis thanked all the members for their support, empowering the Rye Free Reading Room to do so much with a limited budget.

Election of Trustees

Bernie Althoff, Susan Jansen and Fran Rodilosso have completed their third term, and Francis thanked them for their service to the Rye Free Reading Room. He then introduced the Class of 2022. Ted Burdick and Sarah Wise Miller are continuing trustees, and Katy Finger, Jan Kelsey, Emilie Reddoch, and Wahni Salerno are new to the board. Jana Seitz moved and Nicole Cunningham seconded the slate of candidates which was approved by all.

Nicole Cunningham made a motion to approve slate of officers for 2019, with Francis Jenkins as President, Jana Seitz as Vice President, Ted Burdick as Treasurer, Carolina Johnson as Secretary, and Trish Miuccia as Under Secretary. The motion was seconded by Chase Finley and approved by all.

New Business

Francis thanked Carpet Trends for their support of the spelling bee scholarships. Shanon Haynes won \$500 the Middle School competition and Jonathan Lloyd won the \$2,500 High School scholarship. Tyler Rogers presented the winners for this year's spelling bee on behalf of Carpet Trends.

Jana Seitz made a motion to adjourn seconded by Chase Finley and approved by all. The meeting ended at 7:46 PM.