

EHPLS Minutes
Governance Committee
Rathbun
Dec 3, 2015

Members present: Lucille Gardner, Maureen Gillis, Celina Nelan, Andrea Pascal

Maureen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

- No recommendations re: improvements to New Trustee Orientation. Will ask new members for feedback during the Board Assessment process.
- ACLB/Board Manual Training discussed. Will start in January and hand out signup sheet in December. Board role already covered in Trustee Orientation so no need for further training.
- Lots of great info garnered at ACLB Leadership Conference (11/6), especially re: Social Media, advocacy, and demonstrating the value of the library. Eileen and Maureen attended. Will hand out summary and discuss at Board meeting. Need to obtain the calculation re: valuing library services from ACLB.
- Committee membership discussed; each committee should have at least 1 ongoing member. Governance members expressed their preferences.
- Nomination process per Roberts Rules discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Schedule of 2016 Board meetings has been sent to Deb Denette, Town Clerk
- 2016 calendar had been sketched out, committees need to set meetings
 - Staff party date/details should be discussed at Board meeting; 11/11 Friday date (a holiday) won't be good. Lunch with Board attending might be more appreciated.

- Board Assessment will be the same process as last year: what went right, what went wrong, what can be improved. Will be discussed at January meeting, email to follow December Board meeting.
- ByLaw Changes were discussed, the following recommendations will be made to the Board:
 - Deb Denette recommended changes re: informing Town Clerk re: Trustee changes (so she can inform State); also, vacancies filled only until next election (per State law)
 - Change to 9 regular meetings instead of 10 to anticipate possible problems re: weather or no need to meet
 - Change to electing officers at “next regularly scheduled meeting after election”, since Board does not necessarily meet within 30 days of election.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Maureen Gillis