

Minutes

Governance Committee

EHPLS-held at EHFPL

January 4, 2017

Present: Michael Gilroy, Maureen Gillis Vicky Riley-Pach

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

2016 Board Assessment

Only 3 Board members responded to the assessment. This will be discussed at the Board meeting. On a positive note, Mike and staff have noticed that more Board members are visiting branches they aren't as familiar with and issues re: role clarification have been resolved. Also, Board works well together in decision making. The committee has the following recommendations for continued improvement based on feedback received:

- Arrange for a "tour" of the Historical Room for Trustees (when Nancy is working on a Saturday)
- Create a photo album of Historical Room on Facebook to generate interest in the room and use as an educational tool (Mike to coordinate with Janet)
- Generate more excitement/engagement among Board members (perhaps with the fundraiser discussed at last meeting)
- As part of the One Year Plan, include advocacy steps
- Trustees who are also Board members of the Reading Room need to step up more actively to ensure the building is transferred to the Town as soon as possible (critical for any work to be done on handicap accessibility)
- At least 2 trustees should attend ACLB in Nov. 2017
- Committee goals need to be incorporated into One Year Plan

Mike will discuss Committee assessment with the committees meeting later today.

Strategy for Securing Candidates for 2017 Election

We have started to identify candidates as there will be 4 open positions. Maureen is attending the Democratic Committee meeting Jan 16 to discuss Trustee roles, openings for 2017, and how we can work together to provide a strong slate. She will do the same with Republican Committee (Mike needs to get specific contact info as Chair is not listed in directory). A packet will be developed and given to each Party as well as to Trustees and Mike. Several possible candidates were discussed. Key officer roles will also be open so this will be a factor. Unaffiliated candidates can be endorsed by either party.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Maureen Gillis