

## **Minutes of the Board of Library Trustees, Public Library of Brookline**

**A virtual meeting of the Trustees was held on May 24, 2021 at 6:15 pm. Those present were:**

**Burstein      Chanyasulkit    Healy    Hung    Livingston    Lohe    Margolis  
Martin-Page   Shakespeare    Zelkha**

**Also present were: S. Slymon, Library Director; A. Reed, Assistant Director for Library Administration; E. Mitchell, Assistant Director for Technology**

**\*All motions were taken by roll call vote.**

### **I. Election of Officers**

- A.** Karen Livingston convened the meeting and called for nominations for the officer roles.
- B.** Jon Margolis nominated Michael Burstein for Chair, and Michael accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Michael Burstein was elected unanimously. Michael assumed control of the meeting.
- C.** Michael called for nominations for Vice Chair. Karen Livingston nominated Jon Margolis for Vice Chair. Jon Margolis was elected unanimously.
- D.** Michael called for nominations for Secretary. Carol Troyen Lohe nominated Koinonia Martin-Page. Koinonia Martin-Page was elected unanimously.
- E.** Michael called for nominations for Treasurer. Koinonia Martin-Page nominated Carol Troyen Lohe. Carol Troyen Lohe was elected unanimously.

### **II. Public Comment**

- A.** Marissa Vogt (TM Pct 4) appeared and thanked the Trustees and Staff of the library for their service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **III. Secretary's Report: Approval of Minutes and Other Items**

**M.** A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting. The motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously.

**M.** A motion was made to vote to reaffirm the regular meeting time of the Board at this meeting, constituting the first Board meeting following Town elections, in compliance with the Bylaws. Accordingly, a motion was made providing that the Board of Library Trustees will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:15 pm, and the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **IV. Library Directors Report**

- A. Circulation Report was attached in packet.**
- B. [Financial Report](#)**
- C. Proposal: Board Liaisons to TMM email distribution list and Social Media.**
  - 1. Jon Margolis volunteered to serve for TMM.
  - 2. Sassan Zelkha volunteered to serve for Social Media.

**D. Storage of Art at Brookline Village**

1. Carol Troyen Lohe suggested taking down most portraits at the Brookline Village, storing them, and replacing them with other art from the Preservation Vault.
2. A motion was made and seconded to store all portraits with the exception of Wilde, Pierce, and Hoar. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Committee Reports**

**A.** Michael reminded everyone that he will be accepting volunteers for committees to begin serving effective with the second meeting after the town election, per the Bylaws.

**B. Foundation**

1. Karen Livingston reported on the BLF quarterly meeting. The Foundation is actively working on Board development and onboarding processes.
2. Team Brookline needs more runners; Karen asked Trustees to help recruit runners.
3. The Foundation raised \$168,000+ in their annual appeal.

**C. Friends**

1. The Friends are in need of one more member to fill the remaining vacant spot on the Board. A friend of one of the current Board members was recently nominated and confirmed as a Board member. Karen strongly advocated for them to try to recruit outside of their personal circles since they are such a homogenous group.

**D. Re-opening**

**M.** A motion was made that: all visitors aged 2-12 must wear masks, all unvaccinated adults must wear masks; there will be capacity limits; there will be no time limits on visits. It was moved and seconded and passed unanimously. Melissa Goff has committed that the Town will support the decision of the Board of Trustees.

**VI. Adjourn.**

**M.** There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimous:

Voted to Adjourn 8:16 pm.

A true record.

ATTEST



Koinonia I. Martin-Page  
Secretary, 2021.