

## **CLINTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – May 21, 2018** (5 pm)

#### **AGENDA**

Nomination of Tim Sullivan  
Honoring outstanding trustees and others  
Review of by-laws  
Evaluations: board and director

#### **MINUTES**

Present: M. Pfisterer, S. Fairbanks, Z. Snow.

The Committee reviewed the application of Tim Sullivan to join the Board of Trustees, and agreed (unanimously and enthusiastically) to nominate him for election at the June meeting of the Board. Mr. Pfisterer noted that he will put the nomination first on the Board meeting agenda, so that Mr. Sullivan, if elected, can participate in the meeting as a trustee. The Committee agreed that the need to recruit additional trustees remains high, especially considering that three of the Board officers have terms expiring at the end of this year (although some of them may agree to remain on the Board).

The Committee discussed Mr. Pfisterer's proposal, discussed at the last few meetings of the Board, to create a "Trustee Emeritus" position. While the Committee recognizes the special role played by some recent and current trustees in saving the library, and placing it on a secure financial footing, there is concern that designating certain individuals may upset others who are not designated. The Committee discussed various alternative approaches to the issue, including the use of a broader title, such as a "Community Leadership Award," that could include non-trustees. The Committee noted Ms. Sternberg's recent reminder that the library has a plaque from 2006 honoring certain individuals, but lacks information regarding the circumstances that gave rise to their selection. The Committee concluded that it would be desirable to conduct research into the history of the library to help identify individuals who should be recognized. The Committee also agreed that nominations should be solicited from the public, through the newsletter, rather than originating only from within the Board.

Mr. Snow presented suggestions for revising the By-laws, particularly with respect to the authority of the President to designate and populate Board committees, and the role of the Treasurer. The Committee concluded that the revisions were not essential and should be deferred to another time.

The Committee confirmed that the Board self-evaluation, and the Library Director evaluation, should be undertaken in July.

Minutes prepared by Z. Snow, May 23, 2018