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**Minutes
Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Riverhead Free Library
May 11, 2022**

Present: Janet O'Hare, President; Jeff Zeiger, Vice-President; David Friedrich, Treasurer; Ruth Nelson, Secretary; Marylin Banks-Winter, Trustee; Susan Berdinka, Trustee; Gina Chinese, Trustee; Monique Genchi, Trustee.

Absent: Annette Totten, Trustee

Director: Kerrie McMullen-Smith

Assistant Director: Catherine Montazem

Staff: Keri Grace Najdzion, Cory Burns, Susan Culver, Helen Murray, Lauren Strong, Steve Taddeo, David Troyan

Friends of the Library: Linda Prizer, Barbara Goss, Laurie Lauterbach, Annette Cassidy

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order on May 11, 2022 at 7:04 pm.

FRIENDS OF THE RIVERHEAD LIBRARY:

Linda Prizer, President of the Friends, started the meeting by acknowledging the loss of President Marcia Littenberg and benefactor Lois Pike-Eyre.

Linda moved to vote on the slate of officers. They are as follows:

President - Linda Prizer

Vice President and Secretary - Laurie Lauterbach

Treasurer - Gena Harsch

A meeting attendee questioned the slate of officers and if there was a place on the ballot for a write in. Linda advised the slate has already been decided on and there is no provision in the bylaws for write ins. All members of the Friends in attendance voted to approve the slate of officers and was passed. Linda thanked everyone for their attendance and she's looking forward to another good year.

RIVERHEAD FREE LIBRARY:

Janet thanked Linda and all the friends for their generosity. It is greatly appreciated and called our 126th Annual Meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

David Friedrich led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Janet O'Hare entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 annual meeting. The motion was moved by David Friedrich and seconded by Ruth Nelson.

Motion Carried.

Janet O'hare introduced the new trustees: Gina Chinese, Carlos Alvarez and William Sandbach and welcomed them to the Board.

Janet O'Hare recognized the outgoing trustees: Marylin Banks-Winter and Annette Totten. She presented them with gifts and thanked them for their service. Janet held a moment of silence for deceased Board member Amy Wood in appreciation for the work she had done.

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Annual Report of the Director:

Kerrie McMullen-Smith reported we were fortunate enough to be open this year as restrictions were lifted. She presented a slide show highlighting the past year's programs, services and events and achievements of the staff.

Janet and Kerrie recognized 4 employees for their years of service with Riverhead Free Library.

- 5 years: Patrica Murphy and Lauren Strong
- 15 years: John O'Sullivan and Steve Taddeo

Period of Public Expression:

A meeting attendee invited people to join the Friends as there are 3 people in 4 slots on their slate of officers.. She then expressed concern over the ease of finding available information about posted minutes and bylaws regarding the Friends meetings.

Janet O'Hare thanked the Library staff on behalf of the Board of Trustees for doing a great job and she is proud to be our President.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.