

Emmaus Public Library – Information for Board Applicants

Mission: The **mission** of the library is to enrich our community and inspire lifelong learning by uniting people, ideas, and information. The Library provides free access to books, periodicals, websites, music and entertainment for all members of the communities it serves.

Role Of Emmaus Public Library Board of Trustees: The board of trustees is legally responsible for making sure the Emmaus Public Library remains true to its mission, safeguards its assets, and operates in the greater public interest. Board members must exercise the duty of care, and carry out their duties in a reasonable and responsible manner ensuring that the organization is well run.

As part of their fiduciary responsibility, board members are involved in making sure that the organization has the money it needs. This may include making a personal contribution; serving as an advocate with a foundation, corporation, or government entity; organizing a fund-raising event or hosting a benefit; or face-to-face solicitation of other individuals.

The standing committees of the Board are Personnel/Governance, Finance, Building & Grounds, Fundraising and the Long Range Plan. Members are chosen so that they can bring to the board skills, experiences and community perspectives to enable the Library to excel in providing sustainable library services to the community.

Preferred Experience/Qualifications: Some of the following: community outreach, fundraising, finance & investing, capital projects, property maintenance, organizational governance, legal, marketing, planning, educational programming.

Time Commitment: The Board meets once per month for approximately one hour. In addition, advance preparation for meetings, committee activities and report preparation require additional time.

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