

Minutes of the Trustees' Meeting of January 16, 2018

Ashland Public Library, Cheever Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Present: Trustees Bonnie Mitchell, Carol Ambacher, Lornie Bullerwell, Kab Rabinowitz, Director Paula Bonetti, Children's Librarian Lois McAuliffe

Absent: Carolyn Bell

The Minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting were **accepted** as written.

Old Business: The Code of Patron Conduct: the editorial suggestions from Human Resources were reviewed and the emended version was **approved**.

Long weekend/holiday/vacation day issues: we asked the union to comment on this and have not received a reply. Thus, we are not going to have three-day weekends to avoid personnel having to take personal/vacation time.

The Friends' proposed fundraiser of "Mini Golf in the Library" has been postponed because more time is needed for preparation.

The Schiesske donation is being used for small things such as the museum pass software, at the director's discretion. The trustees felt that it was not necessary for Paula to ask for the approval of the trustees for such minor expenditures, and **voted** their consent. Paula will inform the Board of her expenditures as she makes them.

The Friday Night Movie has been canceled until better weather in the spring.

New Business: A donation of a subscription to Wood Magazine, a magazine of woodworking, has been made by Michael Allen.

A suggestion was made that canvas bags, to be loaned by the Library, be purchased. With the plastic bag embargo looming, this seems a good idea.

Directors Report: for the first time in years, Paula has been asked to the Finance Committee meeting to present her requests for the 2019 budget. She asked for \$16,000 to open all day on Monday, and we have been told (unofficially) that we will get \$12,500. Being open from 10-8 on Monday would put us in line with our being open Tues-Thur from 10-8. The most common patron complaint is figuring out when the library is open. We will still try to open all day Monday because it would be a cushion for us should we get budget cuts in future. We were refused the salary increase for the non-benefit employee, but the materials line item was approved. This is pending the final decision of the Finance Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

The next meeting of the trustees will be February 20, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Kab Wypler Rabinowitz, Secretary

