

Board of Library Trustees Minutes
January 19, 2021
Ashland Public Library-Zoom Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. Roll call was taken, and emended minutes of December 15, 2020 and minutes for January 12, 2021 special meeting were unanimously approved.

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

The December temporary closing has gone smoothly. Curbside pickup will remain a part of regular operations possibly through 2021. Through December these pickups totaled 5,399. Given improvement in the state's COVID-19 numbers, the library will reopen on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Ed Burman has recommended a soft, phased-in, limited reopening of 11 AM – 6PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The same protocols as before will be in effect: locked doors, call in first, 30 minutes browsing and 45, computers. If numbers continue to improve over the next few weeks, consideration will be given to opening Saturdays and working our way through for additional weekdays. The Board unanimously approved this plan.

In February, the MBLC will address changes to "Hours Open" regulations for FY2021, like those presented in April 2020. February is also the month libraries will receive notification for FY2021 meeting certification guidelines and state aid eligibility with an expectation of a 20% increase in awards.

A \$250 gift in memory of Milton and Shirley Morrisette was turned over to the town.

Staff member, Holly Friedman, is responsible for building the library's Instagram presence.

The Library Director job requisition has not yet posted to the MBLC and Town websites. Board Chair, Bonnie Mitchell, will check on this with HR Manager, Lisa Ugliaboro.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M. The next Board meeting is February 16, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ambacher
Secretary