

Minutes of the Trustees' Meeting of July 17, 2018

Ashland Public Library, Cheever Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

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

The minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting were **accepted as amended**.

Old Business: The circulation desk position has not yet been filled so Selena and Linda are working extra hours. We need a page for the fall; this is usually a high school student. Paula has been giving the qualifications test, i.e., alphabetizing, spelling, to candidates.

New Business: David Whitty's showing of the documentary film, "Killing Gaza" was canceled by the Friends. The poster advertising it featured dead children, and this was considered inappropriate as it was public, and children would see it. The necessity for showing both sides of a controversy was discussed and when this film is finally show, "Gatekeepers" will be shown as well, showing the other side of the current Middle East situation. The poster for it has been redesigned and now shows the men who made the film. Care needs to be taken about advertising this as the newspaper promo was published after the film showing had been canceled. The Friends need a policy as to how they choose what to show and this will be discussed at a meeting this week.

The Meeting Room Policy allows the library to deny use of the room if the topic is controversial. Censorship has not been an issue until now, and the need for guidelines has become necessary.

Paula has received an additional \$20,000 from the Schiesske estate. As we need new chairs in the children's room, office furniture and a picnic table, this is very welcome. Paula has suggested that we name the main meeting room "The Schiesske Room." In addition we received \$900 in memory of Nettie Pucci which we will use for large print books and we also received \$300 from the Ashland Lions.

Statistics

1. Circulation: June: 11,734 YTD: 132,752 (down 7,402 items from FY17)
Self-Checkout: June: 413

MLN Databases: June: 1 session

Mango Language Database: FY18 YTD: 133 sessions

Overdrive Online Subscription: FY18 YTD: 17,265 Advantage: 413

RBdigital Magazines: June: 43 YTD: 361

Computer Use: N/A

2. New Library Cards Issued: June: 30
3. Network Transfers: FY18 4th quarter:
 - a. Borrowed: 5,251
 - b. Lent: 3,664
4. Program Room/Meeting Room Use: June: 36
5. Cash Turnovers to Town (06/28/18 to 07/17/18)
 - Fees: \$256.00
 - Fines: \$787.00
 - Gifts: \$20,900.00 (\$20,000 Schiesske Estate, \$900.00 in memory of Nettie Pucci)
 - Replacement: \$0
 - In-kind donations: June: \$570.00
6. Volunteer Hours: June: 206.50
7. Reference Transactions: N/C
8. Library Hours: June:
 - Total: 215
 - After 5 p.m.: 53
 - Saturdays: 35

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

The next meeting of the trustees will be August 21, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Kab Wypler Rabinowitz,
Secretary