

Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Ashland Public Library, July 20, 2021

Present: Bonnie Mitchell, Chair, Kab Rabinowitz, Linda Weene, Carolyn Bell, Meena Jain,
Library Director

Absent: Claire Goss, Lois McAuliffe, Children's Librarian

The minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting were approved as emended.

The minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting were approved as emended. Bonnie will send the emendations to Claire to be entered.

Director's Report: We are hiring a page but so far none of the applicants lives in Ashland. We will wait until later in the summer and see who applies.

The damaged (by rot) front door could be replaced by either a solid wood or a composite door. Meena will get a quote re expense of each and consult the experts to decide which would be better against the rot which has damaged the present door in less than 20 years.

The Strategic Plan, due in October 2022, needs an Action Plan which is due December 1st, 2021. Meena will write this with input from the trustees. It was decided that there wasn't enough time to develop a questionnaire to be handed out at the Farmers Market.

The MBLC will send someone out to describe the process of forming a Strategic Plan. Meena will talk with them as a first step, then we will establish a committee. Several people were suggested for this committee.

The trustees agreed to allowing book sales at author events. Meena has the discretion to allow exceptions to the no sale rule.

Changes to Meeting Room Policy sections 1, 3 and 4 were voted.

Environa Environmental Protection wants to put a pollution monitoring device on the library. Meena will bring this up at the department heads meeting as this is town property and not our decision.

Marly and Jeff have done a wonderful job cleaning and organizing the library.

Al Perry's donation of his seascape painting will be installed on Friday, July 23.

The next meeting will be on August 17, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Kab Rabinowitz

