

Minutes of the Trustees' Meeting of September 18, 2018

Ashland Public Library, Cheever Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Absent: Carol Ambacher

Approval of the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting and August 21, 2018 meeting were approved as emended.

The trustees voted to accept Kab Rabinowitz's donation of a framed print. She will write up the particulars for Larry DeJong, to be included in his records of the library's art collection.

Bonnie Mitchell and Lornie Bullerwell received their name badges with appreciation. They were provided by NEC Trophy, the owners of which are Linda Wise and Leslie Glickman, members of the Front Street Readers, the library book group.

The flowering dogwood tree in honor of Lois Bennett was planted in the pouring rain with advice from Marlies Plaggenborg about placement. Paula has volunteered to water the root ball and a longer hose has been purchased for this purpose. A dedication ceremony is being planned.

The Summer Reading Program: we had 919 readers registered and 738 participated; this is a higher percentage from last year.

Director's Report: The previously-serviced leaky toilet required yet another plumber visit.

This is the first year that we will receive our full state aid! Our network membership is \$24,699 and our E-content is \$10,000; we are very heavy users of E-content.

Other maintenance issues include the missing piece of concrete in the sidewalk leading up to the side door of the library. This is risky for someone tripping and it is getting worse. It should be repaired before the coming snow season. Also, the café windows need work to prevent leaking this winter. Paula will email Joe Richardson, the manager of maintenance.

We again discussed steam cleaning the dirty carpets and chairs. This is not an urgent issue and the Town is understaffed in the maintenance area, but, we decided, if we do not receive a reply to another request from Paula about this, to go to Michael Herbert, the Town Manager.

The selectmen need a letter requesting authorization to name the main conference room The Robert E. Schiesske Meeting Room, in honor of Bob Schiesske who was so generous to us in his will. Kab will draft a letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting of the trustees will be October 16, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Kab Wypler Rabinowitz,  
Secretary