

**Ashland Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
November 16, 2016  
Draft of Minutes

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Ashland Public Library Board of Trustees was held at the Ashland Public Library, 1324 Silver Street, Ashland, NE on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 6:00 PM. This meeting was open to the public, and the public was encouraged to attend. An agenda for the meeting was available for public inspection at the library.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chris Gossin, President.

**Members present:**

Chris Gossin, President  
Michelle Powell, Vice President  
Leslie Gerdes, Secretary  
Heather St.Clair, Library Director  
Nicole Chudomelka, Trustee  
Tom Walsh, Trustee

**Members absent:** none

Chris pointed out the Open Meetings Act which was posted on the west wall of the small meeting room.

**Public Comments:** none

**Agenda:**

Leslie made a motion to approve the agenda. Michelle seconded the motion, all members voted in favor and the motion passed.

**Minutes:**

Nicole made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Tom seconded the motion, all voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Financial Report:**

Tom made a motion to approve the financial report as written. Leslie seconded the motion.

**Librarian's Report:**

A book club was started at the elementary school. The library received accreditation at the Silver Level from the Nebraska Library Commission. We will strive to attain gold over the next three years. More book tile donations have come in and a new artist is sought to match the new tiles with the previous ones since the original artist is out of

commission. Heather and Tanya attended a Summer Reading workshop in Lincoln. The library community hall was used as the Ward 1 polling place.

### **Old Business**

#### Intellectual Freedom

Prior to the meeting, Heather e-mailed board members a link to the recently revised Nebraska Intellectual Freedom Manual. This served as a great resource to facilitate our discussion on this topic. We want to find a balance between providing access to materials without judgement or censorship and not corrupting immature minds. We would like to spread the word publicly through Facebook and signs, etc., that parents have the option to get an email listing of any materials that are checked out on any of their minor's accounts. This allows parents to the opportunity to monitor and guide their children to appropriate materials. The board would also like to ask the city attorney and the Nebraska Library Commission to review any of our policies that may impact Intellectual Freedom such as Collection Development, Computer Use, Library Card policy and the Behavior policy.

### **New Business**

Holiday Closures: With the holidays falling on the weekend, it was proposed that the library close on Saturday, December 24 and keep normal business hours for Saturday, December 31. Tom made a motion that we accept this proposal for holiday hours. Nicole seconded the motion and all voted in favor, so the motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM by Chris.

The next meeting date will be a regular meeting on November 16th at 6:00 PM, in the small meeting room of the ACRC.

Minutes submitted by Leslie Gerdes