

**Ashland Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
November 18, 2015  
Approved 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 18, 2015, 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 6:05 PM by Chris Gossin, President.

**Members present:**

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

**Members absent:** Michelle Powell, Vice President

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

**Public Comments:** none

**Agenda:**

Tom made a motion to approve the agenda. Nicole seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and the motion passed.

**Minutes:**

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

**Financial Report:**

It was noted that even though the item "Carnegie Library Utilities" is listed on the report, it does not actually come out of the ACRC funds. Nicole made a motion for the board to accept the financial report. Tom seconded the motion, and all members voted to accept the motion, and so it passed.

**Librarian's Report**

Heather discussed a problem with a group not properly booking a meeting room and ignoring advice from staff. The library is looking into purchasing a service called Freegal that would allow 3 music downloads per library patron per week. Heather gave the board members trial account information to look at it. A final warranty walkthrough with

Sampson will be on November 30th. There are still issues with resolving erroneous bills from Windstream. There seems to be some cloudiness regarding expectations for senior meals and senior programming. Heather is trying to organize a meeting with Kathy Pike and possibly board members from Golden Apartments to discuss their roles.

### **New Business**

#### a. Downtown Christmas

The Ashland Downtown Christmas celebration will be on December 12. The entire ACRC facility will stay open an extra hour until 6 pm to accommodate this community event.

#### b. Holiday hours

Tom made a motion to approve the closing of the library at 6 pm on the day before Thanksgiving and to close the day after Christmas this year which is a Saturday due to expected low census.

#### c. Senior funds account from Connie Weston

The account has around \$11,000 and will be earmarked for senior programming and purchasing. Two signatures will be required for any withdraws and at this time Heather and Chris will be signers.

#### d. Foundation by-laws and Library board role

After last months meeting with Scott Childers, the board would like to rotate the foundation liaison every year starting in January. It was also suggested that the foundation recruit several new members of the public from the service area.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM by Chris.

The next meeting date will be a regular meeting on January 21st at 6:00 PM, in the small meeting room of the ACRC.

Minutes submitted by Leslie Gerdes