

Ashland Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
August 16, 2017
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, August 16, 2017, 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.

Members present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM Chris Gossin.

The Open Meetings Act, posted on the west wall of the small meeting room, was acknowledged.

Public Comments: none

Agenda:

Tom motioned to approve the agenda as written. Nicole seconded the motion, all members voted in favor and the motion passed.

Minutes:

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

Financial Report:

Tom made a motion to approve the financial report, Michelle seconded the motion and all voted in favor to carry the motion.

Librarian's Report:

The summer reading program was a huge success. Heather is working with a Japanese exchange student to present a few sessions about her culture at the library. Another Harry Potter day is scheduled for October 21. Heather applied for a grant to have the opportunity to use some maker space equipment. Ashland was one of 30 libraries in the state to get it. It will be coming on October 30. Staff and volunteers will need to do some training and may need help collecting some consumable materials for

the machines to use. Heather will heavily promote this program through every possible public and social media outlet available.

New Business

- a. Carpet cleaning and closure. Heather took several bids and selected Top Gun which came with good recommendation from the Gretna public library. A date was chosen based on the least disruption to library programming and the public. Tom made motion to approve the library closure on Friday, September 22 and then the meeting rooms on September 23 to allow the carpet to dry at least 24 hours before use. Nicole seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor of motion and thus allowed it to pass.
- b. Library Foundation Request regarding wall painting. Foundation members Shirley Neimeyer and Chris Deviller, have been part of a committee that has been working for a couple years to figure how and where to display a collection of photographs Clay Anderson took from space and graciously granted the rights to the library to use. After careful consideration and consulting professionals, such as Mary Ronka from Willow Point Gallery they felt the best location to display the photo collection would be on the back wall of the computer lab. However, they felt that these photos would look better and could be printed larger (without as much matting) if the wall was painted the neutral white rather than pea green. Tom made a motion to allow the painting of the wall the neutral white that matches the other white walls in the building. Nicole seconded the motion, and all voted in favor to pass the motion.
- c. Use of ACRC funds to activate all internet connections. The connections that are currently not active will be needed for all of the maker space equipment coming in October. Tom made a motion to allow the use of ACRC funds to activate all remaining internet connections at the estimated cost of \$3000. Nicole seconded the motion and all voted in favor to carry the motion.
- d. Replacement of concrete stairs to secure railing. The bid estimate for the job is \$1200.
- e. Election of Library Board Officers—Michelle made a motion to move the officer vote to the next meeting while maintaining the current officer's status. Nicole seconded the motion, all voted in to pass it.
- f. Approval of New Foundation Members—Leslie made a motion approve Kristi Bundy, Patrick Mencke, and Cathy Schnider to serve on the foundation. Michelle seconded the motion and all voted in favor to pass the motion.
- g. Donation Policy—non-circulating items—It would probably be a good idea to work on drafting a policy about accepting money and physical items for the library.

Old Business

Budget 2017-18 (Sprinkler)—The new budget will include \$4000 to add sprinklers for the grassy area in the back of the building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM by Chris.

The next meeting date will be on the 3rd Wednesday in September at 6:00 PM, in the small meeting room of the ACRC.

Minutes submitted by Leslie Gerdes