Ashby Free Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes March 23, 2022

Present: Roberta Flashman, Lynne Carpenito, Dwight Horan, Murray Cox, Geri Zagarella, Heather Brodie Perry, Claire Lavin

Not Present: Chris Ewald, Deb Moylan, Tim McLaughlin

Meeting, via Zoom, called to order at 5:35 pm.

Review of minutes - Geri moved to accept the minutes of 2/23/2022 as written. Claire seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Scholarship Report - There are eleven (11) approved applicants. No specific number available yet for the amount of money to be given for scholarships. Discussion ensued of setting a $500.00 cap per scholarship recipient. Lynne moved that the cap be $500 per recipient. Murray seconded. Vote: 5 for, 1 abstention.

Treasurer Report- Budget is on track and can accommodate expenses for elevator issue.

Building Maintenance Committee Report - Committee still working on getting more exterior painting estimates. Also still working on solving water leaking into the building. The dehumidifier is still not installed. Currently the elevator is not working. There was a hydraulic fluid leak and the thermometer in the elevator room needs to be replaced. The committee is looking into possibly acquiring a screen house for outside activities at the library. Maybe this could be covered by the Cares Act due to relation to Covid.

Friends of AFPL Report – The transfer of funds from the now dissolved 501(C)(3), originally set up for fund raising for the library addition, to the 501(C)(3) Friends of the Ashby Free Public Library, is in motion. The Summer Reading Program planning is underway. And the book sale will be at the end of May.

Director’s Report – Heather reports that all is going well. There is a new volunteer helping with the organization of the History Room, planning is happening for the Summer Reading Program and recataloging is underway with the Children’s collection first. Heather explained that building maintenance is “entertaining”, but things seem to be moving in a positive direction.

The board of trustees still has an ongoing discussion of what to charge for an “out of state” library card.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.