Ashby Free Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes February 23, 2022

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

Not Present: Claire Lavin, Deb Moylan, Tim McLaughlin

Meeting, via Zoom, called to order at 5:34 pm.

Review of minutes - Lynne moved to accept the minutes as written. Geri seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Scholarship Report - There are eleven (11) eligible applicants. Applications are good for five (5) years. No specific number available yet for the amount of money to be given for scholarships. Only interest from available funds is used for this purpose.

Treasurer Report- Tim joined the meeting to give the report. Right now the budget is under budget. Tim left the meeting.

Friends of AFPL Report – No report.

Building Maintenance Committee Report – Committee is working closely with Jim Hubert. He is the town’s building manager. The downstairs utility room has been painted. Electrification of front rooms in the old building is being looked into. Looking for more estimates for painting the outside of the addition. An estimate for prepping and painting the sash window frames in old building is $40-50 per window. Dehumidifier is expected to be installed the week of 2/21/2022. The Fire Dept. may change the filters in the air purification system. There is an ongoing analysis of water entering the building. This is a big challenge and the committee looks forward to a solution soon. Roberta gave a big Thanks to all of the library volunteers. An especially big Thanks to Heather’s husband, Matt, for all of the time and work he has put into maintenance issues at the library!

Director’s Report- Heather bought a large Roomba. It is performing very nicely. There is a contest to name the Roomba. Bldg. maintenance issues take a good part of Heather’s time. Childrens’ programs are going well and the creative stations in the library over February vacation week were well attended.

Other Business – Next meeting we will discuss the cost of “out of library” cards.

Announcement - Murray Cox will be leaving the Library Board of Trustees after the March meeting. Thank you, Murray, for your time and contributions!

Geri moved to adjourn. Chris seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.