

*Minutes of the 21 February 2017
Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees
Ashland Public Library*

*Present: Carol Ambacher, Lornie Bullerwell, Kab Rabinowitz, Bonnie Mitchell,
Library Director Paula Bonetti, Lois McAuliffe*

Guests: President of the Friends of the Library Betsy Emberley, Jane Greenstein

Absent: Carolyn Bell

Call to Order: 7:07 PM

The board approved the minutes of the 24 January 2017 meeting.

Jane Greenstein described progress on the proposed Ferdinand sculpture to be in memory of Elke Trout. Several sculptors have been approached, including Michael Alfano who has displayed in the library. This will probably cost more than the money we have collected in her memory, and fund raising is planned.

The telescope project: Betsy reports that the Mathworks grant will pay for the telescope from the Aldrich Astrological Society and we hope for delivery in the near future. We have partial funding for the third telescope from the BAA grant. More than 100 people signed up for the star party which had to be canceled because of cloudy weather, so we anticipate much interest in future parties.

Ken Gatto has agreed to donate his labor and make us a magazine rack. This will need to be attached to the wall which will involve moving the electrical outlet. We hope that he can do the 52" width and we have allowed the \$515 needed for the materials out of donor funds. The Board VOTED to thank Ken and authorize the expenditure.

The window treatment in the Children's Room is almost complete! Two more windows to go. We hope this will make that area warmer.

Bonnie Mitchell reported on the Town's Strategic Plan. This goes to 2035, 20 years! "Smart, safe, sustainable" is their guideline. We feel optimistic that wise planning will guide Ashland's future.

The Trustees VOTED to accept the \$20,000 from the Schiesske estate. This will go toward new AV equipment. Paula has talked with Pro AV Systems and their estimate is \$19,000. Paul Carpenter is our contact person on this as this kind of technology is a fast-changing and complicated area. We want to get the best but we don't need certain frills.

The next meeting is on the 21st of March at 7 pm, in the Cheever Conference Room at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Kab Rabinowitz

