

Ashland Public Library Board of Trustees, April 19, 2022 Meeting in the Cheever Conference Room and by Zoom

Present: Kab Rabinowitz, Bonnie Mitchell, Carolyn Bell, Linda Weene, Meena Jain

Present by Zoom: Lois MacAuliffe

Absent: Claire Goss

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

Bonnie asked if the board members were receiving emails from the MBLC and ALA as they were informative about workshops and such. She will forward them to us and we can sign up.

Erica's Restaurant has requested outdoor seating on our lawn again this summer. This was initially approved because of the covid pandemic and they were not seating indoors. They are seating indoors now but as the pandemic is not really over, the Board approved outdoor seating for another summer season. We will make it clear that this is for this year only. The Board decided against asking for library use of the tables during the day as there are too many problems, i.e., insurance against injury or damage.

Director's Report: The budget is \$2,500 over the MAR requirement but there is no allowance for additional staff.

A staff meeting is scheduled for May 6 to discuss dealing with difficult patrons.

We have a marketing issue with people not knowing what we have. Meena hopes to have a mass mailing this summer to deal with this.

Children's Report: Lois has been very busy with activities so does not have a report this month. The summer reading program is called "Read Beyond the Beaten Path." We are putting money into people coming to the library, e.g., Brazilian musicians, rather than the prizes and materials we have done in past years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Our next meeting will be May 19, a Thursday, because of our usual Tuesday being election day. We will review the Board officers at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Kab Wypler Rabinowitz