

Board of Library Trustees Minutes  
August 16, 2022  
Library Conference Room and via Zoom

8/16/22

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Present: Chair Bonnie Mitchell; Trustees: Carolyn Bell, Claire Goss, Kab Rabinowitz, Linda Weene; Library Director Meena Jain, Children's Librarian Lois McAuliffe.

Minutes from July 19, 2022 meeting were approved with minor edits.

Meena reported that the FY23 budget is underway!

The newest version of the strategic plan was reviewed by the Board and no one had any edits. The library now owns a poster printer. Meena can print out copies of the strategic plan and the Trustees may circulate it to the Rec Center, Senior Center and other high traffic areas in town.

Meena ordered the new technology for the big meeting room. The cost will be around \$6,500. Meena will plan to use donor accounts through the town to pay for it. It should arrive in the next month or two.

Meena shared the new ARIS report. The foot traffic numbers are way up from last year, which is not surprising due to COVID. It is also easier to track data now that we have a people counter on the door. The next report due is the financial report, due in October.

Several folks have expressed interest in helping with the Friends of the APL. Hopefully some will join the Board.

Meena is beginning to think about FY24 budget regarding infrastructure and staff. One early idea is to raise the page hourly rate to minimum wage.

Bonnie will ask the Ashland Farmers Market board for clarification on whether the Friends have a date for the community tent this fall.

Children's Report:

The Summer Reading Program ended this week. Families may schedule time for children to come in and select their prize books.

Children's programs have been well attended. The Teacher Tales have been really popular!

Bean bag chairs order is still delayed.

No community participation.

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm. The next Board meeting is September 20, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claire Goss  
Secretary