Ashville Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting November 26,2024

Members in Attendance:

* President Don Butler
* Pat Poignard
* Roberta Schruise
* Eugenie Poignard
* Melissa First
* Kathy Burns
* Director Kristina Benson
* Absent: Mary Jo Eddy and Michelle Arnone

There was a clarification to the minutes from last month. The money from Cummins went into the general fund. A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Roberta to accept the board minutes from the October meeting. This passed unanimously.

The Financial Officer’s report was given by Pete

* CD $10,342.61
* Checking $32,730.51
* Money Market Fund $0.00
* Savings $5,523.34
* Money Received $0.00
* Memorials and Grants to be spent $0.00
* Overall Total $48,569.46
* Check for $58,000 from tax money collected was received.
* Review of library budget with employee wage increase and part time employee (20 hours per week at $16.00)
* Kristina to post part time job opening on website/social media
* Discussion on getting a new computer that would support Microsoft Word. Also, thoughts about a spring project and possible new table and chairs for the upstairs meeting room.

A motion was made by Roberta and seconded by Melissa to accept the budget and financial officer’s report.

Director’s Report was given by Kristina

* Circulation has almost doubled.
* Discussion on popularity of Tonie Box; currently Ashville is the only library that has one; consider getting new figurines
* Website views are down, however there have been some issues with the website.
* All programs are going well.
  + Santa will be coming to the library on 12/19/24.
  + Continue with meditation for pain and illness
  + Kristina will be working on a grant to do a crochet class
* Trustee Training reminder
* 2025 Board Meetings
  + 4th Tues of month at 6:30pm.
* Kristina needs volunteers for 12/6 12-2:30pm and 12/10 2:30-5pm
* Library hours over holidays
  + Close 12/24-12/26; half day 12/31 and close on 1/1/25

New Business

* Will discuss a 5-year plan at next meeting

The next board meeting is January 28,2025 at 6:30pm.

Submitted by,

Eugenie Poignard