Ashville Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting February 25, 2025

Members in Attendance:

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

Roberta made a motion to accept last month’s minutes, and Kathy seconded.

The Financial Officer’s report was given by Pete

* CD $10,730.47
* Checking $86,194.44
* Money Market Fund $0.00
* Savings $5,523.62
* Money Received $0
* Memorials and Grants to be spent $0.00
* Investments UBS Brokerage $18,489.24
* Overall Total $120,935.77
* Discussion regarding moving $60,000 to UBS money market account
  + Melissa made a motion to accept, and Michelle seconded; motion was passed unanimously.
* Kristina discussed wanting to purchase new computers.

Director’s Report was given by Kristina

* Circulation is steady.
* More website hits, Kristina can now update website
* Programming is steady
  + Crochet class in March/April has a waiting list
  + Looking for a music teacher to do a kid’s music class
* Cat Adopt-a-thon on 2/27/25
  + CCHS will bring some adoptable cats.
* New library cat “Hank” will be introduced and will hold a naming contest to decide on a name.
* Kristina/Kelly are going to reorganize the junior book section
  + Hoping to make it more appealing, may change the physical space
  + Also reorganized the easy readers
* Kristina is switching book purchasing sites to Thrift Books
  + They have a buyback program which gives store credit; have made $62 to date
* Kristina Is looking to collaborate with Lakewood Library for summer meeting
  + Theme is “Color Your World”
* Discussion on when to ask for more money for library on tax line
  + Don to reach out to Jan

Cash Revenues for February 2025

* Overdues $0.55
* Copier Fees $1.10
* Computer Printing $6.20
* Fax $0
* Library Card Replacements $0
* Donations $97.00
* Book Replacements $0
* Total: $104.85

New Business

* Don handed out an updated 5-year plan and there was discussion on updates to library.
  + Don/Pete to check on the age of roof.
  + New furniture for upstairs room-JBC furniture sale
  + Electronic signage for outside
  + Foyer entrance area update
  + Tree trimming on north side bank area
  + Fix north wall crack and repaint entire first floor
  + Tile (non-slip) around circulation desk area
  + New carpet on the first floor (continue cleaning in meantime)

The next board meeting is March 25, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Submitted by,

Eugenie Poignard