

## **Ashley Public Library District Meeting August 31, 2021**

Called to Order 6:00pm President Len Piasecki presiding with Denise Evans keeping minutes thereof.

P-Bill Strong                      A-Ellen Boczek  
P-Sandy Hansen                P-Arlene Skibinski  
P-John Hoffman                P-Len Piasecki  
P-Denise Evans

**Approval of Minutes**    Motion by John    Second by Arlene    Motion Carried

**Approval of Financial**    Motion by John    Second by Sandy    Motion Carried

**Correspondence**-None

### **Library Director's Report**

Carol removed window shades because many looking unsightly.

Per Capita Grant funds received.

Jami Colgrave, former St. Michael School Student and author donated a signed copy of her children's book to the library.

Carol and Len with the help of Carol's daughter Amy submitted an America Rescue Plan Grant application. The grant request totaling \$15,000 included new computers, a Dyson HEPA air purifier system, security cameras and a year's worth of cleaning service and supplies.

The University of Illinois Extension contacted Carol to host a children's program "Growing Your Own Food and How to Cook it". Scheduled Dates are Oct 18 and 25, Nov 22 and 29, Dec 13 and 20.

John discussed setting a date for the reading of Twas the Night Before Christmas possibly in conjunction with the December dates of the U of I program. To be discussed at future meeting.

Denise mentioned discontinuing ZipBooks accounting program and contacting Lazerware about installing accounting program at the library or possibly in the Cloud making it accessible to Carol. Denise will contact them.

Policy Committee-Carol, Sandy and John to review Serving Our Public Standards for Libraries as required for upcoming Per Capita Grant.

### **Committee Reports**

The Board reviewed Bylaw recommendations made by the Special Committee. Tabled for approval at September meeting. Background checks were discussed. Due to legal ramifications and cost it was suggested instead to use a Reference check consent form for potential employees. Roberts Rules of Order and a condensed reference guide for trustees was discussed. Denise will look into it.

### **New Business**

The tentative Budget was reviewed for approval at the September meeting.

Denise suggested solar window shades for purchase with Bill Evans Memorials. It was decided to wait for America Rescue Plan Grant results before using memorial funds.

After discussion it was decided to let Carol decide if approached about a birthday message on sign.

### **Items for Next Agenda**

Approval of Bylaws            Approval of Budget

**Motion to Adjourn** made by Arlene    Second by Bill    Meeting adjourned at 7:12PM. Next meeting September 28, 2021.