

Ashley Public Library District Board Meeting Minutes

Date January 28, 2025

Board Officers

President- Len Piasecki – 618-534-5225 P

Vice Pres.– Sandy Hansen - 618-322-8887 P

Secretary – Ellen Boczek – 618-967-9353 - A

Treasurer – Kathleen Janvier - 770-633-9939 P

Board Members

Trustee - Ashlie Newcomb -618-367-6549 A

Trustee – Mary Dreas – 618-521-6169 P

Trustee – Courtney Guinzy A

Library Director – FOIA Officer – Nicole Mischke

Call to Order

Pledge to Flag

Roll Call 3 officers, and 1 members present

Approval of Minutes

Motion Mary

Second Sandy

Approved All

Approval of Financial Report

Motion to accept Sandy

Second Mary

Approved All

Discussion

Correspondence

Monthly bookkeeping fee increase

Motion to accept Sandy

Second Mary

Approved All

Library Director's

December: The Bill Strong Children's Christmas Program on December 7 had 20 children and 10 adults in attendance. On December 9, the University of Illinois hosted a Luffa Class with 5 attendees. We launched our first Kids' Newsletter for Ashley Grade School, featuring upcoming events, and received 20 backpacks filled with comfort supplies and 18 books on mental health. We are coordinating with the school for backpack distribution. The Per Capita Grant and the Annual Library Certification have been submitted, along with a marketing micro-grant and the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Survey.

January: Two snow days from an ice storm led to the cancellation of Kids' Bingo, which will be rescheduled at a later date. We've completed barcoding and repairs for adult fiction books and are now working on the children's section.

In 2024, Ashley patrons saved \$70,590.35 by using the library, and circulating items have doubled in the past six months. The Ashley Pre-K Teacher has inquired about a library visit for her students, and we are discussing plans for it.

Committee Report

President Len noted that committee appointments are coming up, and he encouraged the trustees to consider which committees they would like to serve on.

Old Business

The discussion about implementing a panic button concluded without action taken, as the proposal was voted down. Additionally, the Behavior Policy and Code of Conduct were adopted, which includes the seven rules of the library.

New Business

Statement of Economic Interest was signed to be mailed by Nicole to the County Clerk and Recorder.

With no further business, a motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Mary to adjourn. The next meeting will be February 25, 2025.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen, Treasurer