

**Ashland Town Library  
Minutes of Library Trustees Meeting  
January 25, 2024**

**Trustees Present:** Alice Staples (by phone), David Ruell, Mardean Badger  
**Others Present:** Sara Weinberg, Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Alice Staples.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- The 30 leftover Christmas kits have been donated to Parks and Recreation.
- Sara will be attending the first STEAM group meeting at the Science Center. The group includes representatives from schools, libraries and non-profits, and will involve creating collaborative learning experiences and activities. The group will meet about every 3 months for the year.
- Sara is working with Joanne Bickford, Librarian at Ashland Elementary School, on a Year of the Book grant through the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLIF).
- We have received a grant through STAR Net for 500 solar eclipse glasses, for the solar eclipse in April. Distribution of the glasses will be 20 for HeadStart, 50 for the Senior Center, 200 for Ashland Elementary School, 30 for Parks and Recreation, and the remainder for the general public through the library.
- The annual data report has been submitted to the State Library.
- The 2024 vacation timesheets are being submitted to the Town office.
- Sara is starting the sign permit for our handicapped access.
- The new fire alarm monitoring system has been installed and is working well.
- The bathroom sink has been slow to drain and the water has been a very dark orange. The Water Department will be notified about the water.
- More light ballasts are failing; these are ones that were replaced through an energy grant several years ago.

**TECHNOLOGY FUND**

- New equipment has been purchased through our Technology Fund, for \$534:
  - 42" smart TV for upstairs (\$160)
  - Wall mount for the TV (\$18)
  - 3D printer (\$298)
  - Filament, 8 color, for the printer (\$58)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- The final check from the town is coming soon, so our final 2023 financial report can be completed.
- The first quarter \$7,000 has been received.
- Recent expenses have included \$2300 for fuel and \$2,000 reimbursement to the Donations fund. We will have about \$2,800 available through March.
- David will research some options for investing the \$400,000 donation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

*Minutes submitted by Mardean Badger*