

Independence Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

- I. **Call the Regular Meeting to Order:** The regular meeting of the library board was called to order by Chairman Tom Richardson at 4:18 p.m. **Trustees attending:** Patricia Bresee, Talleisa Ehret, Tom Richardson, Tom Sewell, Jana Shaver, and Carolyn Torrance. **Trustees not attending:** Joy Barta. **Also attending:** Library Director Jeri Hopkins and staff members John Long and Charlene Mitchell
Adoption of Agenda: Torrance moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Bresee.
Approval of November Minutes: Torrance moved and Ehert seconded the motion to approve the December minutes as printed. Motion carried.
- II. **Consent Agenda:** Bresee moved and Torrance seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried
- III. **Old Business:** none
- IV. **New Business:** none
- V. **Staff Reports:** Hopkins reported that the library was closed on Friday January 13 due to severe weather. She proposed rescheduling the staff development day which had been planned for January 13 to January 27. Torrance moved to approve this change. Ehert seconded. Motion carried. Brittany has been working on updating safety procedures. Her revisions have been submitted to the city. Brandon has been working on a Leonardo Di Vinci Exhibit. John Long reported that Melissa Block from NPR may be in Independence on Friday. Children's librarian, Charlene Mitchell reported that there has been a 34% increase in children's book circulation since last year. Program attendance has increased 156% over 2015. Since September, outreach to the Methodist, Lutheran, other preschools and kindergarten is being provided once a month. The Reading is Fundamental program, funded by Optimists and Soroptimists, will begin soon. She is reorganizing the toys in the kids department and is starting to re-catalog chapter books. The board complimented her on a job well done. Hopkins reminded board members of the Friends of the Library annual meeting on January 19. The meeting will feature speaker Larry Hattieburg who is a well known journalist and photographer.
- VI. **Comments from Members of the Board:** Bresee welcomed new board member, Tom Sewell. She suggested that he would make an excellent board treasurer.
- VII. **Adjournment:** There being no further business Bresee moved and Ehert seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Jana Shaver, Secretary

Date of Approval: _____