

Independence Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes

Wednesday, October 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 4:15 p.m.
Trustees attending: Patricia Bresee, Tom Richardson, Tom Sewell, Jana Shaver, and Carolyn Torrance.
Trustees not attending: Megan House and Tallelisa Ehert.
Also attending: Library Director Jeri Hopkins and John Long.
 1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Sewell moved to approve the agenda. Torrance seconded. Motion carried.
 2. **Approval of Minutes:** Sewell moved to approve the minutes of the September 20 and the October 4 special meeting. Bresee seconded. Motion carried.

- II. **Consent Agenda:** Memorial fund usage was discussed. Sewell moved to approve the consent agenda. Bresee seconded. Motion carried.

- III. **Old Business:** The board revisited the issue of meeting with USD 446 to explore the possibility of a bus stop after school at the library. Shaver will meet with USD Superintendent Rusty Arnold to discuss the issue.

- IV. **New Business:**
 1. **Statue donation:** Ellie Chickadonz and her mother met with the board to discuss their wish to place a statue on the library grounds in memory of Ellie's daughter. She showed a picture of the statue. The group moved the meeting outside to look at possible locations. The meeting continued back in the board room. Torrance moved to accept the gift of the statue. Bresee seconded. Motion carried. Torrance suggested considering a policy for future donations.
 2. **Statements and Goals:** Director Hopkins shared copies of the vision, mission and commitment statements which were developed on staff development day. She suggested a change to the commitment statement. The board reviewed all statements and suggested small grammatical changes. Goals were discussed. Revisions will be addressed at the next meeting.
 3. **Meeting room policy:** A proposed policy was reviewed. No fee would be charged. Bresee moved to accept the policy as presented. Torrance seconded. Motion carried.

4. Holiday Festival Closing: Hopkins proposed closing from 5-6 on December 1 to allow for preparation for the Holiday Festival. This would be one hour less than used last year. Torrance moved to accept the recommendation. Sewell seconded. Motion carried.

V. Staff Reports: The report was presented in written form describing the activities of each team for the past month. Director Hopkins also reported that the new Director of Youth Services is working out well. Thirty patrons attended the Bender screening. The library will participate in Trunk or Treat on October 31 and will serve chili. The library participated in the Roots program and contributed supplies. The Spelling Bee will be held on November 18 at 6:00 at the Booth. Volunteers are needed. They should report t 3:00 p.m. A Home school STEM club will meet every other week during the school year at the library.

VI. Board Comments: Bresee commented on the Little Free Library card (LGBTQI) and commented that people in small towns don't necessarily have small ideas. Torrance said she had heard a comment from a person new to town that acceptance of diverse populations is improving in our community. Richardson praised the work of Lisa Wilson, Chamber of Commerce Director.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m,

VIII. Jana Shaver, Secretary **Date of Approval:** _____

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