

Independence Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

- I. Call the Regular Meeting to Order:** The regular meeting of the library board was called to order by Vice-Chairman Carolyn Torrance at 4:50 p.m.
- Trustees attending:** Patricia Bresee, Megan House, Nick Morse, Tom Sewell, Jana Shaver and Carolyn Torrance.
- Also attending:** Library Director Jeri Hopkins, John Long, and Jean Barnett, representing Jim Hayward, artist in charge of Astra art project.
- 1. Adoption of Agenda:** Bresee moved to accept the agenda and to move New Business item #1 Hayward Art Project to follow the consent agenda so that Jean Barnett would not have to wait to do her presentation. Sewell seconded. Motion carried.
 - 2. Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the February meeting were approved as written.
- II. Consent Agenda :**
1. There were no questions regarding the consent agenda, therefore it was approved as printed. This action included approval of bills and payroll for February in the amount of \$64,578.
- (New Business)**
1. Hayward Art Project: Jean Barnett shared drawings of a “Love” sculpture to be constructed of wood, metal and found objects during the Astra Arts Festival by artist Jim Hayward. Following the festival, Mr. Hayward would like to donate the sculpture to the library. It would be necessary to sign a policy agreement before moving forward. During board discussion several questions arose: How would the piece be secured? Could the height be changed from the proposed 12 feet to 11 feet? It was decided to have Director Hopkins and John Long meet with Jim Hayward to discuss the questions. The board could then vote electronically if a vote is necessary before the next board meeting.
- III. Old Business:**
- None. (The library internship had been previously approved.)
- IV. New Business:**
2. Policy Review: Freedom to Read statement and the Library Bill of Rights from the American Library Association. Breese moved that we provide a link to the ALA website for patrons to access these items. Sewell seconded. Motion carried.
 3. Consider Library item to purchase for outgoing Board members: Breese will be retiring from the board after many years of service. She

was asked for suggestions for a recognition gift to the library. She will consider and let us know.

4. Consider condolences from Board for T. Richardson. There will be a memorial for Tom's son, Jeff, in the summer. Torrance suggested a donation to the children's department in Jeff's name.

5. Staff Reports:

1. Director Hopkins mentioned that the audit report had requested total expenditures for the month be included in the minutes. She discussed the journal entry report.
2. She reported that the library staff has been divided into three teams: 1. Circulation and library 2. Culture and fun 3. Global programs and meeting room. Each team will implement activities in these areas.
3. Sixty people attended Bradon's reception. SEK Library system sent flowers and a representative attended.

- VI. Board Comments:** Board members welcomed Nick Morse to the board as the Elk City representative. Nick mentioned the need to improve Elk City's library. There was discussion. Ideas were shared about how we might help. Board members would like to be able to support this effort in Elk City. Torrance announced that the Farmer's Market will open on May 5. The library will participate by providing an opportunity market goers to experience virtual reality.

- VII. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m..

Jana Shaver, Secretary

Date of Approval: _____