

## Independence Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

- I. Call the Meeting to Order:** The regular meeting of the library board was called to order by Chairman Carolyn Torrance at 5:15 p.m.  
**Trustees attending:** Michelle Anderson, Tom Richardson, Tom Sewell, Jana Shaver and Carolyn Torrance.  
**Also attending:** Library Director Jeri Hopkins and John Long.
- 1. Adoption of Agenda:** Sewell moved to accept the agenda. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.
  - 2. Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the February 20 regular meeting were approved as distributed.
- II. Consent Agenda :**  
The consent agenda for the March 20, 2019 meeting was adopted as presented. Total expenses for bills and payroll for the month of February were \$63,871.05.
- III. Old Business: None**
- IV. New Business:**
- 1. Statement of Concern About Library Resources-**Hopkins shared the “Statement Form” objecting to the book Blankets with board members. She referred board members to our policy which states that as long as the material in question meets our libraries’ circulation criteria, it is acceptable. She had checked with area libraries. They also possess the book which is shelved in the adult section. IPL also shelves the book in the adult section. Hopkins will contact the patron and explain our policy.
- V. Staff Reports:**  
Hopkins reported that the library received city funding but no renovation money was included. Also received was an unrestricted \$10,000 grant from the Mildred Louise Russell Estate. Profit from the Spelling Bee totaled \$3,339.61. The children’s spring break activities were well attended. Over 80 children were present for the first session on Monday, March 11. The first grant writing workshop will feature a panel discussion. The library will be hosting some Inge Festival Activities in May. Hopkins showed a chart of progress toward staff goals. Work is being done on a volunteer database. Plans are being made for a celebration of Arbor Day and for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Miss Able’s trip into space.
- VI. Upcoming Advocacy Events**  
March 26-Living Room Conversations at 6:00 p.m.  
April 9-Friends of the Library Spring Social at 6:00 p.m.
- VII. Comments from Board Members**  
Members reported on the Presence Form. Sewell attended Brandon West’s program for Rotary. Shaver had visited with a city commission regarding the great work of the library. Hopkins shared information at a PEO meeting. Shaver asked for more information on the May 21<sup>st</sup> bus tour of area libraries as she would like to attend. Library staff will also be attending. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be on April 17, 2019 at 5:15. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**Jana Shaver, Secretary**

**Date of Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_