

# Independence Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

- I. **Call the Meeting to Order:** The regular meeting of the library board was called to order by Vice- Chairman Tom Richardson at 5:15 p.m.  
**Trustees attending:** Michelle Anderson, Tom Richardson, Tom Sewell and Jana Shaver. **Absent:** Megan House, Nick Morse and Carolyn Torrance.  
**Also attending:** Library Director Jeri Hopkins and John Long, Assistant, Director and James Reed. Reed will replace Nick Morse as Elk City representative on the Independence Pubic Library Board of Trustees. Other board introduced themselves and welcomed Reed to the board.
  1. **Adoption of Agenda-**Sewell moved and Shaver seconded the motion to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.
  2. Approval of Minutes-Minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.
- II. **Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was adopted as presented. Total expenses for bills and payroll for the month of January were \$71,315.91.
- III. **Old Business:** None
- IV. **New Business:**
  1. Door Estimates-Hopkins presented a quote in the amount of \$9,511.00 from Hofer and Hofer for the basement exterior door replacement. The door is difficult to open and needs to be replaced. The bill will be forwarded to the city commission for action.
- V. **Staff Reports:** 1. Director's Report: \*Hopkins reported on the **beam and roof repair** which was completed by SEK construction in one day. She was very satisfied with their work. \*The **Masquerade Ball Fundraiser** raised \$2,500. \***169 patrons** have signed up for **Open Access** and 88 have used it in the 2 weeks since it opened. Danny Wilkerson was the first patron at 5:35 p.m. the first day. \***Madison Cochran**, who will graduate from high school this spring and then attend ICC, is a **new part-time employee** to help replace Betsy, youth director who recently resigned. \*The **USDA grant** for \$7,200 is expected to be received in January. \***Friends of the Library** will continue to donate \$20,000 in 2021. \*Hopkins attended the **Kansas Library Association** meeting in Wichita. She is a member of the core team for leadership. This group is in charge of implementing the \$150,000 grant from the Kansas Leadership Center aimed at training library personnel statewide. \*Hopkins showed **the video report** which will be shared with the USD 446 school board and the City Commission. \***Hopkins is mentoring** new library director's in Caney and Cherryvale.
- VI. **Upcoming Advocacy Events:** Friends of IPL, March 10 at 5 pm.
- VII. **Comments from the Board:** Board members expressed appreciation to the City Council for the city's efficiency in taking care of the repair of the roof and cracked beam.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, March 18 at 5:15 p.m.

Jana Shaver, Secretary

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

