Independence Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes
Wednesday, September 21, 2022

I. Call the Meeting to Order: The regular meeting of the library board was called Order by Chairman Michelle Anderson at 5:15 p.m.

  Trustees Attending: Michelle Anderson, Bill Kelly, Rachel Koszalka, Tom Sewell and Ron Schwatken. Absent: James Reed and Tom Richardson.

  Also Attending: Library Director Jeri Hopkins, Assistant Director John Long, Youth Librarian Jacob Williams and Recording Secretary Gloria McCoy.

  A. Adoption of Agenda: Tom S. moved and Rachel K. seconded a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

  B. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 17 meeting were approved with the following changes: Section IV(B) should read “Motion carried with Bill K against and all others in favor.”

II. Consent Agenda: The consent agenda was adopted as presented. Total expenses for bills for the month of August 2022 were $58,682.42. Rachael K. moved and Tom S. second the motion.

III. Old Business:

  A. Staff Bonus: Bill K. opened the discussion of closing of the library during the Christmas Holiday. A motion was made by Bill K. to keep the library open between the Christmas and New Year holiday and it was seconded by Ron S. The motion was defeated with 1 vote for opening and 5 against.

IV. New Business:

  A. Quorum: Need to touch basis with Elk City Board regarding members not in attendance.

V. Staff Reports:

  A. Jacob W. spoke on attendance of Friends. Have about 12 consistent members. Will be helping with Pumpkin Ghost Stories.

VI. Comments from Members of the Board:

  A. Bill K. discussed books that he felt were questionable that might be in the library.

VII. Executive Session:

  A. Michellle A. moved to go into executive session to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in this room at 6:25 pm.

  B. Open session resumed at 6:22 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, at 5:15 p.m.

Ron Schwatken
Date of Approval: