

**Independence Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Board Members Present: Michelle Anderson, Chairman, Trustees: Rachel Koszalka, Tom Sewell, Carolyn Torrance, Ron Schwatken, England Porter**

**Also Attending:** Library Director Jeri Hopkins, Assistant Director John Long and Recording Secretary Gloria McCoy.

- I CALL TO ORDER:** Michelle Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.
- **Adoption of Agenda:** England P. moved and Tom S. seconded a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.
  - **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the January meeting were approved with correction to be made to the Executive Session wording. The wording for the Executive Session “Michelle A. made a motion “I move we go into executive session to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the opening meeting will resume in this room at 5:40 p.m. No Action taken and meeting was resumed at 5:40 p.m. Corrections noted, motion was made by England P. to approve the minutes with correction and Carolyn T. seconded. Motion carried
- II CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda was adopted as presented. Total expenses for bills for the month of December 2022 (\$66,428.70) and January 2023 (\$49,654.19).
- III EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
Michelle A. made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the conduct or status of negotiations pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in this room at 5:40 p.m. Carolyn T. seconded the motion. Motion carried. No Action taken and meeting was resumed at 5:40 p.m.
- IV STAFF REPORT:**
- Telework – Community Senior Service Center going well.
  - Interviewing two candidates for the position. Very qualified. Candidates had to plan an event using Excel and PowerPoint.
  - Jeri had to redo reports with QuickBooks.

**Library Presence in the Community**

- Two Directors of nursing home and 2 Commissioners came.to the Senior Center.
- The City is excited about the Center.
- By-laws are being created for the new Board.
- A coffee group of approximately 30 persons meet at the Laurel Street Bakery and all the seniors are excited about the Senior Center.
- A women’s group (Women for Kansas) is talking about the Senior Center.
- Fundraiser “Murder In Maui” was a lot FUN!!

**V UPCOMING ADVOCACY EVENTS**

- Beats and Bards Bazaar – Open Mic & Market Night!! - Monthly on the Fourth Wednesday starting at 6:00 p.m.
- Leadership Book Discussion on 28 February 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

**VI COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

- Everyone is pleased with the Senior Center and how well the seniors and community are accepting it.

**VII Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:20p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, MARCH 15, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.**

Ron Schwatken

Date of Approval: