

Independence Public Library  
Library Board of Trustees  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2024

The meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held in the Library Community Room of the Independence Public Library.

Those present at the meeting were Laura Blaker, Nancy Dodge, Emily Ownby, Jake Bass, Quentin Stenger, Deb Clark, and Robin Bleichner. Also in attendance, Lisa Lorenzen, Associate Clerk.

Meeting was called to order by Robin Bleichner at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Emily Ownby to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Quentin Stenger to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills were reviewed. Motion made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Jake Bass to approve the May bills with the change in line 42. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Statistics

Patron numbers have increased and are close to the pre-Covid number.

#### New Business

##### Election of Vice President

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Emily Ownby to nominate Jake Bass as the Vice President. The motion carried unanimously.

##### Unattended Child Policy

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Emily Ownby to approve the policy with the suggested changes. The motion carried unanimously.

##### Library Program Policy

A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Quentin Stenger to approve the policy with recommended changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

None

Miscellaneous

Hiring Part-Time Staff

Received seven applications and will start interviews soon.

Current Plans for Increasing Revenue

Our plans for trying to obtain more revenues are to put out a donation jar at library events, offer and publicize an online wish list, and seek a few sponsorships. Online Wish List through MyRegistry: <https://qrco.de/iplwishlist>.

On Reserve Podcast

Two high school seniors chat about their plans following graduation.

Summer Reading Program

The summer reading program called Read, Renew, Repeat starts June 5<sup>th</sup>- July 31<sup>st</sup>. Laura handed out the Calendar of Events. Online registration starts as early as May 22<sup>nd</sup> and the kickoff and in person registration at the library is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Board Training

Laura went over the summer reading program on the library website.

Board and Staff Reports

Shred Day sponsored by BankIowa is June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Will need volunteers from the board and BankIowa.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Jake Bass to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Clark

Secretary