

Independence Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
19th October 2023

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

Those present at the meeting were Laura Blaker, Melinda Engelbrecht, Greg DeBoer, Nancy Dodge, Deb Clark, and Robin Bleichner. Also in attendance was Lisa Lorenzen, Associate Clerk, and Tom Huston, City Council representative.

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

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Greg DeBoer to approve the agenda with the addition of reports. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Greg DeBoer and seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills were reviewed. Motion made by Greg DeBoer and seconded by Deb Clark to approve the October bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Statistics

Patron numbers are being counted by a laser beam by the front door. A discussion was held about the banned books that were on display during Banned Book Week. These books are displayed annually but received more comments and attention from patrons this year.

New Business

IPLF Board Member Appointment

Mark White has termed out and will be leaving the library foundation board. Mike Ruffcorn is willing to serve. A motion was made by Greg DeBoer and seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve Mike Ruffcorn as the new member of the IPLF Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Art Donation

Dr. Dan and Vicki Kegler have offered the library art from their renovation of their office. A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Greg DeBoer to approve the donation of three art pieces by P. Buckley Moss. The motion carried unanimously.

Close for Carpet Installation

The library will be closed for the carpet installation on Sunday, Dec. 10 and Monday, Dec. 11th. A motion was made by Greg DeBoer and seconded by Deb

Clark to approve the closure of the library on the 10th and 11th of December. The motion carried unanimously.

Closing for Christmas

Close Sunday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas Holiday. A motion was made by Greg DeBoer and seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the library being closed on the 24th and 25th of December. The motion carried unanimously.

Infectious Disease Policy

Reviewed the policy with a few minor wording changes. A motion was made by Deb Clark and seconded by Greg DeBoer to approve the policy with the changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

None

Miscellaneous

Budget Committee Meeting

Nancy, Deb, and Robin will coordinate a meeting time with Laura to go over the budget for FY 2025.

IPL Sesquicentennial Celebration

Went over information on IPL website and request for volunteers to staff the display area in the Library Community Room during the exhibit, A Tribute to the Past.

Report from Board/Directors

Library staff have been certified as Dementia Friendly after taking the required training.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Clark
Secretary