

Independence Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
16th November 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, Brad Schultz, Jake Bass, Nancy Dodge, Deb Clark, and Robin Bleichner. Also in attendance, Susi Lampe City Clerk, and Tom Huston, City Council representative.

Guests Roman Johnson and Andrew Johnson to answer any questions on the Eagle Scout project chess/checkerboard.

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

A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the agenda with the change of the Eagle Scout Project moving after the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Roman and Andrew answered questions about the time frame and location of the chess board project.

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

Bills were reviewed. Motion made by Jake Bass and seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the November bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Statistics

Looked at Ancestry.com due to the low volume of usage. Talked about using those funds for another program or materials.

New Business

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Proposed Budget

A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Brad Schultz to approve Budget #2 '25 budget proposal with the option to change the budget to match the City of Independence decisions in regards to wages and salaries. The motion carried unanimously.

Closing the New Year Holiday

A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the library being closed on December 31st, 2023, and January 1st, 2024 for the New Year Holiday. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

None

Miscellaneous

Roof Update

Laura shared photos of Permanent Roofing Specialists finished metal roof project. The library is happy with their work.

IPL Sesquicentennial Celebration

227 people visited the Library Community Room to tour the exhibit, A Tribute to the Past. The podcast and Faces of IPL are available on the website.

Stanley and Hazleton Library Service Contracts

We have notified each City but have not received a signed contract from either. The deadline is fast approaching, and it looks like we will need to discontinue services.

Mill & Depot Artwork

The Elm Tree donated time and materials and returned the artwork in the original frame with new matting. The library would like to mat and frame the railroad drawing to match the other artwork.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Jake Bass seconded by Brad Schultz to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Clark

Secretary