

Independence Public Library  
Library Board of Trustees  
March 22, 2024

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

Those present were Laura Blaker, Robin Bleichner, Greg DeBoer, Nancy Dodge, and Emily Ownby. Also in attendance were Lisa Lorenzen, Associate Clerk and Tom Huston, City Council representative.

### **MEETING OPENING**

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

Motion made by Greg DeBoer seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greg DeBoer to approve minutes seconded by Emily Ownby to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE BILLS** Bills were reviewed. A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Greg DeBoer to approve the February bills. Motion carried unanimously. Susi Lampe, City Clerk, has sent notice of Insurance bill that is due before next meeting. Bill will be approved at next meeting.

### **STATISTICS**

It was noted that Bridges is gaining popularity.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Personal Policy** Reviewed changes in holiday and casual days. Motion by Greg DeBoer, seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Roof - Shingles color and design** Viewed possible choices. Discussed. It was decided to go with the Shake shingle in Vista Brown. Process of installing steel shingles will start in mid-September. Motion by Greg DeBoer, seconded by Emily Ownby to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

**IPL Plan** Overall IPL plan was reviewed. Several dates were altered to better fit the plan. Motion by Nancy Dodge, seconded by Greg DeBoer to approve changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Donor Wall & Recognition Changes** After looking at the current Recognition Wall the best option was to change the location of the Gifts and Memorial plaques. There is a need for more space for recognizing gifts and donations. All memorials will be on the right and all gifts and donations will be placed on the left side. The general recognition sign will be replaced with a 15" X 15" Zinc outdoor plaque. Funds are available from the IPL Foundation and Ground and Maintenance. *Signs and More* will be hired to make the changes. Motion by Greg DeBoer, seconded by Emily Ownby to approve changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Grant Project** Application will be made to the Buchanan County Community Foundation asking for funding for art projects: a tree sculpture, reframing of several art works to match existing art and creating a brochure of the art the library has. Motion by Greg DeBoer, seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Budget Amendment** A change to move funds from Library-Cap Outlay/E to Library-Cap Outlay/B. This is in regard to the steel roof repair. The City offered \$2,000 to assist with the repair of the steel roof, so there is also requested amendment for that change. Motion by Greg DeBoer, seconded by Emily Ownby to approve changes. Motion carried unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Little Free Library Updates** Doors have been fixed and/or replaced after vandalism. Curt Shurtz helped a lot. Different ideas of preventing further problems were mentioned. FRIENDS are planning to have a composite one made to see if this might be an option for the future.

**Director Evaluation** The evaluation will be done on line and then returned.

**Board Training** Deferred

#### **Board and Staff Reports**

*Laura Blaker:* Eagle Scout Project is scheduled for completion in April.

Geater Manufacturing donated money for the library to subscribe to Data Axle- a Research and Business database.

New hours for the library will start April 1, 2024.

No other reports.

This was Greg DeBoer's last meeting. Mayor Bleichner stopped in and thanked Greg for his years of service on the Library's Board of Trustees. Members of the board also express their appreciation for Greg's valued service and humor. Also, a thank you to Robin for the muffins.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion by Greg DeBoer, seconded by Nancy Dodge to adjourn at 7:45. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted  
Nancy Dodge