

Independence Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

- I. **Call the Meeting to Order:** The regular meeting of the library board was called to order by Chairman Carolyn Torrance at 5:15 p.m.
Trustees attending: Michelle Anderson, Tom Sewell, Tom Richardson, Jana Shaver and Carolyn Torrance.
Also attending: Library Director Jeri Hopkins and John Long
 1. **Adoption of Agenda:** Sewell moved to accept the agenda. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.
 2. **Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the July17 regular meeting were approved as distributed.
- II. **Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda was adopted as presented. Total expenses for bills and payroll for the month of July were \$52,148.57.
- III. **Old Business:**
 1. Open Access Quote-Hopkins reviewed the Official System Quote from Bibliotheca. Annual Subscription Fee = \$11,988; Setup and Configuration = \$3,000 for a total of \$14,988. It was estimated that additional expenses would amount to around \$10,000. After lengthy discussion, Richardson moved to approve the contract with Bibliotheca. Sewell seconded. Motion carried. Hopkins described plans for fundraising to cover expenses for this project. Board members were asked to send her names of potential donors.
- IV. **New Business:**
 1. Floating Holiday-Hopkins recommended designating the Friday of the Kiddie Parade for the staff floating holiday. Sewell moved to do so. Richardson seconded. Motion carried.
 2. Bonus End of Year Break-Hopkins recommended designating the 5 days between Christmas Day and New Year's Day for the annual Bonus days. Richardson moved and Sewell seconded the motion to do so.
- V. **Staff Reports:**

Hopkins reported on new staff involvement in community activities: Bill Gour has joined the Lions Club; Nancy Kispough is a new member of the Independence Historical Museum Board (Nancy also serves on the Imagination Library Board). She reported that over 40 community members attended the celebration of the of the Women's Suffrage Movement on Friday, August 16th. It was the 100th Anniversary of the day women secured the right to vote. There will be a retirement reception for Becky Passeur on September 24. She will receive an award from SEK Library at that event. Kansas State University has included IPL as a pilot site in a grant for an escape room. The title of the grant is "STEM ESCAPE: Immersing Urban and Rural Families in Biomedical Mystery." The grant is for \$1,016,122. Brandon has applied for a traveling Smithsonian Exhibit on the Holocaust
- VI. **Comments from Members of the Board:** None
- VII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned a 6:21 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on September 18 at 5:15.

Jana Shaver, Secretary

Date of Approval: _____

