

Independence Public Library  
Library Board of Trustees  
17th August 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, Jake Bass, Greg DeBoer, Nancy Dodge, Brad Schultz, Deb Clark, and Robin Bleichner. Also in attendance was Susi Lampe, City 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 Greg DeBoer and seconded by Jake Bass to amend the agenda as follows. Move the Eagle Scout proposal before the July Minutes. A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Brad Schultz to approve the amended agenda. The motions carried unanimously.

Special Guest: Roman Johnson with the Eagle Scouts with a proposal for his Eagle Project. The project proposal would be a large chess/checkerboard made from cement with all pieces and housing of the items. A motion was made by Greg DeBoer and seconded by Brad Schultz.

A motion was made by Brad Schultz 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 Brad Schultz to approve the August bills. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Statistics

Website information was unavailable for the month of August. Several programs with great attendance for July.

#### New Business

##### Library Board Bylaws

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

### Staff Training

A motion was made by Greg DeBoer and seconded by Jake Bass to have the library closed for staff training on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> in Cedar Falls. The motion carried unanimously.

### Artwork Donation

The library was given a pen and ink drawing of the mill to place in the library. The artist signature is: dboody. A motion was by Jake Bass and seconded by Nancy Dodge to accept the donation. The motion carried unanimously.

### Unfinished Business

None

### Miscellaneous

#### LFL Refresh

The Little Free Libraries will be refreshed by volunteers of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. They will be putting different books in the libraries, cleaning the libraries, and taking notice of any maintenance issues. Thank you for your service and time.

### Facility Maintenance

Geothermal repairs for the library are almost done. A bill will be forthcoming.

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation

Six children graduated in August and the library held a graduation ceremony and celebration for the children and their supporters.

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Independence was the first library in Iowa that was supported by taxes. The free, tax-supported library was approved by the City Council in 1873, so this is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There will be a podcast, programs, an exhibit, and more in October and November to celebrate the library's sesquicentennial.

### Board Training

Looked at pictures for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and discussed library history.

### Report from Board/Directors

Jake Bass-Underground tours.

### Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Clark  
Secretary