

Library Board of Trustees, Independence Public Library
15th August 2024

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

Those present at the meeting were Laura Blaker, Nancy Dodge, Jake Bass, Deb Clark, Quentin Stenger and Robin Bleichner. Also in attendance, Michelle Nejdil Deputy Clerk, Leann Harrison from the Historical Society, and Bret Weber City Council Liaison.

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

A motion was made by Jake Bass seconded by Quentin Stenger to approve the agenda with Unfinished Business moved after Statistics. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Quentin Stenger to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Bills were reviewed. Motion made by Jake Bass and seconded by Quentin Stenger to approve the August bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Statistics

Mega Foam Blaster event was an enormous success.

Unfinished Business

Quentin Stenger presented a comprehensive slide show about the oak trees in front of the library and the preservation/care of the trees. The board approved the reconstruction of the tree stump and Laura will reach out to the artist to know when he can start the project.

New Business

Meeting Room Policy

A motion was made by Jake Bass and seconded by Nancy Dodge to approve the policy as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Library Card Policy

A motion was made by Nancy Dodge and seconded by Jake Bass to approve the policy with the recommended changes. The motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan Summary FY2024

Laura summarized that the strategic plan had 20 out of the 23 items finished in the fiscal year of 2024. Excellent job resounded from the board.

AI Learning Circuit for Staff Development

Laura will be sending a few staff members to the learning circuit in September.

Miscellaneous

Facility Update

Two of the big geothermal units have been repaired. Each contains two compressors, and one compressor in each has been replaced. The City will help the library and fund these repairs. An electrical switch was not working and Dan, maintenance technician, will help with this issue. New roof slated to start on Sept 9th or 16th.

Summer Reading Program

This year's program had 881 participants and 749,343 minutes read by the community.

Library Advocacy

Laura will be publishing an article about saving money by using the library.

Board Training

Trustee Talking Points-Trustee Ethics-From the official statement from United for Libraries.

Board and Staff Reports

None

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb Clark
Secretary