

Independence Public Library Board Meeting
March 24, 2025 – 5:00 pm
DRAFT Minutes

Present: Nathan Christensen, Rose Hernandez, Bradley Karkanen, Kevin Hamlin, Diana Lindskog, Vickie McCubbin, Leslie Howerton, Bill Boisvert (City Council Liaison), Patrick Bodily (Library Director).

Minutes from the February 24, 2024 Library Board meeting were read and approved as written. Motion by Vickie McCubbin, second by Kevin Hamlin. Motion passed by all Board members present.

Library Director Report:

- Patrick passed around a new Board Roster with contact information.
- Patrick gave an update on the purchase of the Book Bike and the purchasing of items from the Polk Marion Early Learning Hub grant.
- The Youth Coding League playoffs are underway. The season ends April 25.
- He also gave an update on different issues with the facility.
- Patrick updated the board on library programs, attendance, computer use, and circulation.
- The library will be giving away books for Children's Book Day next month.
- There was a brief discussion about the library's proposed budget for next year and the prospect of bringing the museum staff into the library when the city sells the Museum Building.

Committee Report – Friends of the Library

- The Friends of the Library will hold their quarterly book sale on Saturday, April 5.
- The Friends will next meet on April 28 at 4pm.

Committee Report – Advocacy Committee

- Nathan passed around documents relating to the Advocacy and Promotion Committee and explained their purpose and potential work to the new City council Liaison, as well as potential meeting times for that committee.
- Nathan and Leslie will start off being the representative of the library on the committee.

Unfinished Business – Ethics Statement

- Nathan provided copies of sample Ethics Statements. The board voted to adopt the United for Libraries Ethics Statement into their bylaws, editing the word "Trustees" with "Board Members". Motion made by Bradley Karkanen, with a second by Leslie Howerton. Motion passed by all Board Members present.

Board Business

- Short Takes For Trustees. The board voted to postpone watching the scheduled Short Takes for Trustees video at this meeting watch it at their next. The topic of the video will be Intellectual Freedom. Motion made by Vickie McCubbin, second by Diana Lindskog.

New Business

- Patrick provided a brief overview of what changes would happen at the library if the Institute of Museum and Library Services were dissolved at the federal level. Most changes would happen at the State Library level and would trickle down to the local level.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.