

Port Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes October 14, 2013

President Rick Larson called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. Present were President Rick Larson, Treasurer Craig Cousland, Vice President Connie Copsa, Tori Bowers, John Highland, Keith Bottrell, and library director Rachel Malay.

The consent agenda was reviewed, including past meeting minutes, financial reports, statistics, and director's report. A few questions were answered about the maintenance supplies, postage, and insurance line items. The director's reports included quarterly statistical charts and a final report on the recent Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference the director attended. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Connie Kopsa and seconded by Craig Cousland. The motion carried.

Old Business: Early in the year the city removed some unused cooling equipment from the northern exterior of the building, leaving small holes through the exterior brick. Birds had made nests during the spring and summer and the best recommended action was to wait until fall. Rick Larson said he would talk to the city about filling in the holes.

New Business: Rick Larson submitted a new library Mission and Purpose Statement. After the board reviewed it a motion was made by John Highland to adopt the proposed statement. Keith Bottrell seconded and the motion carried.

In June 2013 a new concealed and carry gun law was passed by the state of Kansas, allowing the public to carry concealed guns into public buildings. The city chose to opt out of the new law until December 2013. The city can choose to continue to opt out of the law until January 2018 if they submit security policies and other paperwork to the state. Since the library building is owned by the city, the city's decisions on the law also apply to the library. The library board had some discussion, and Glenn Rodden will be asked to come to the next library board meeting to give an update on what the city is planning to do.

Other Business: Rick Larson asked the board to put some thinking into long range planning for the library, specifically programs or other activities that would bring more people into the library. The board is to bring their ideas to the next meeting for discussion.

Connie Kopsa moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20. Craig Cousland seconded and the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 5:30 pm.