

**Marshalltown Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
October 27, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Allan Thoreson, Maureen Lyons, Megan Bell, Chris Thiessen, Leah Mattox, Barbara Burt, Ronnie Manis, Sarah Rosenblum, Sandy Gowdy Guest: Jerry Peck

President Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 MINUTES:** The minutes of the September 22, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

New Trustee members, Megan Bell and Chris Thiessen, were welcomed and introduced.

**OPERATING BILLS:** It was moved and seconded (Thoreson/Burt) to approve the operating bills. The motion was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

--Leah mentioned the EMERGE program which involves once-a-month class visits to the library by all 6<sup>th</sup> grade Marshalltown School District students. Joa made presentations to the classes at Lenihan Intermediate School and has visited with 860 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at the library. This is a long-standing program which is supported by the school district. Thanks to the library's juvenile department and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers who continue to see the value in this program.

--The new door for the café is still on order.

--Nine new security cameras have been installed. The quality and capabilities of these cameras far exceed the old ones.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

--*FOL Update:* The Friends of the Library have been working hard getting the word out about the upcoming Library Levy vote on November 3. There have been media interviews, postings on Facebook, articles in the T-R and letters to the editor. Voting is available now at the Court House. The last Town Hall Meeting will be Thursday, October 29 at 5:30 at the Library. After consultation with the city attorney, materials have been placed in the library with levy information and encouraging people to vote. Postcards are being sent to FOL members.

--*Meeting Room Policy:* Sarah presented a policy from the Waterloo Public Library concerning serving wine in the public meeting rooms. Board members decided to hold off much discussion and decision on this issue.

--*Policy Reviews:* Sarah will make a list of library policies that need reviewing and put them in the order of when they need updated. They will be put in the Board packet.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

--The annual altered book reception will be Wednesday at 5:30.

--The long-awaited Dust Bowl program, "Dust, Drought and Dreams Gone Dry" will kick-off on Friday, November 6 at 5:30pm. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, Bill Northey, will be the key-note speaker. Lincoln Highway band will provide live music.

--The library will be closed on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, for a citywide in-service meeting.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting will be November 17. (Note: this meeting is one week earlier than usual)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.