

**Marshalltown Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
January 24, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Maureen Lyons, Karen Elder, Barbara Burt, Tom Colbert, Sue Fink, Allan Thoreson, Sarah Rosenblum, Sandy Gowdy, Joa LaVille, 21 MHS students **ABSENT:** Glenn Ytzen

Vice President Karen Elder called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

December 13, 2011 Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

**Operating Bills:** It was moved by Barbara Burt and seconded by Sue Fink to approve the operating bills. It was unanimously approved.

There was no public comment.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Sarah and other representatives from the Marshall County Library Association met with the Marshall County Supervisors about the upcoming budget. The Supervisors made no promises but indicated they hope to keep the county library budget at status quo.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Youth Services Supervisor, Joa LaVille, reported on a \$2000 grant received from IEEE . Libraries receiving this grant will create science kits for check out. Our kits will include 2 bridge kits, a robotics kit, a simple machines kit and a sound science kit. Local funds (\$750) were received from the Mechdyne Corporation to update our library's juvenile science collection. She also spoke of the EMERGE program, (Education/Mentoring/Empowerment/Readers Advisory/Goodwill/Equal Access) a cooperative program with the Marshalltown School District that has been in effect for several years. Every 6<sup>th</sup> grade student in the MCSD is bused to the library once a month. (14-15 classes of students).

On Friday, January 13, the 1,000,000<sup>th</sup> item was checked out from the library since it opened on December 22, 2008. Valerie Troutner checked out the item and was given a Nook eReader as a prize.

The Friends of the Library Board met last week and its annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 30 at 4:00pm. They will be working on an April membership drive and are looking for people interested in becoming board members.

The accreditation process requires that the Board of Trustees By-Laws be reviewed every three years. Karen suggested a change in Article II /Officers to include "her" when describing the duties of the vice chairperson. The by-laws were reviewed and accepted with the change.

Allan asked if the Trustees were required to belong to ILA. It was agreed that Sarah will keep Trustees up-to-date and that they may join ILA if they choose.

2013 Budget: The County Supervisors have met with the County Library Association and have indicated they hope to keep the budget at status quo. We expect to receive less in state funding. If there are any additional funds in the library's portion of the city budget, those funds will be put in the materials budget. Sarah did request two additional part-time staff for next year and was encouraged by both the HR and Finance Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.