

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
February 28, 2012

PRESENT: Maureen Lyons, Karen Elder, Barbara Burt, Sue Fink, Allan Thoreson, Tom Colbert, Glenn Ytzen (arrived 4:40pm), Sarah Rosenblum, Sandy Gowdy, Chuck Carpenter and 26 MHS students.

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

January 24, 2022 Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Operating Bills: It was moved by Karen Elder and seconded by Barbara Burt to approve the operating bills. It was unanimously approved.

There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The application for accreditation from the State Library of Iowa has been completed and submitted. The new certificate should arrive sometime in June.

Sarah has been in conversation with numerous experts concerning the prairie. She has also spoken with the Friends of the Library about additional funds for extra plantings. It has been advised to include some annual flowers to add some color to the existing and future prairie flowers.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) There was a city staff training day on February 20. The theme centered on wellness. Police Chief Mike Tupper met with library staff concerning difficult patrons and situations. Library staff received instruction on eReaders and information about the library's databases.

B) The Friends of the Library will start meeting every other month and will be establishing some committees. Their membership drive will take place in April and they plan a financial appeal in the fall. A member may be asked to serve in an unofficial liaison capacity on the library board. They are looking into various investment options.

C) The city has changed e-mail service from Outlook to Zimbra. In time all library staff will have access to city e-mail.

D) Sarah and Randy Wetmore are both serving on the 3rd Grade Reading Initiative Steering Committee.

E) Singer/songwriter/humorist, Dan Hunter, will give a free performance at the library on Wednesday, March 7, at 6:30pm. His latest book is Iowa?...It's a State of Mind.

F) Sarah will chair the "Writer's Row" at the summer Linn Creek Arts Festival. Please let her know of Iowa authors who might be invited to the festival.

G) The Library has applied for a Community Foundation Grant to purchase the foreign language software, Mango. Mango supports 35 languages and 15 ESL languages and can be used at the library or accessed remotely.

H) RAGBRAI will be coming to Marshalltown on Wednesday, July 25. The library will likely stay open later and will offer internet services as well as a cool, quiet respite.

I) The FOL Book Sale was a success, raising \$2176.40. Thanks to all who volunteered for the sale and who donated books to sell.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.