

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

PRESENT: Maureen Lyons, Allan Thoreson, Barbara Burt, Sue Fink, Sarah Rosenblum, Leah Mattox, Chuck Carpenter (media), Diane Hall and Bill Egleston (public) Absent: Glenn Ytzen and Tom Colbert

President Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 4: 35pm.

JUNE 26, 2012 MINUTES: The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

OPERATING BILLS: It was moved by Allan Thoreson and seconded by Barbara Burt to accept the bills. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment: Bill Egleston commented and submitted a letter regarding the prairie. Diane Hall, naturalist from the Marshall County Conservation Board, spoke favorably on the subject. The Library Board voted in October 2011 to continue to follow the timeline for the revitalization of the library's meadow. Mr. Egleston requested that the agenda and minutes be posted on the city's website. Both items are up-to-date on the library's website and director, Sarah Rosenblum, has posted them to date on the city's website.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. The Foundation Directory, provided by the Martha Ellen Tye Foundation and the Friends of the Library, is a wonderful database resource for grant opportunities for the community.
- B. The Friends of the Library has provided funds for the library to do a strategic plan which will provide direction for the library. Not all board members need to be involved in this process. Representatives of the Friends of the Library and of the community will also be asked to participate. The meeting will take place on Saturday, October 13.
- C. Many volunteers have given time and energy working on a prairie weeding project. Signage is also being looked at.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Marshalltown was chosen as an All American City emphasizing the city's initiative to improve third grade reading.
- B. Leah Mattox has submitted her application to the mayor to fill a position on the Library Board of Trustees. Upon approval, she will replace Karen Elder, who retired from the Board in June, 2012.
- C. The library will welcome RAGBRAI riders on July 25 by staying open an extra hour.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.