

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
September 25, 2012**

PRESENT: Maureen Lyons, Sue Fink, Glenn Ytzen, Allan Thoreson, Tom Colbert, Barbara Burt, Leah Mattox, Sarah Rosenblum, Sandy Gowdy and 7 MHS students

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

AUGUST 28, 2012 MINUTES: The minutes were approved as written.

OPERATING BILLS: It was moved by Allan Thoreson and seconded by Leah Mattox to approve the operating bills. The motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A) Friends of the Library Update: The Friends last met on August 27. The FOL owns the two remaining houses left on the library block and they are currently being used by the city in the HUD lead abatement program. The houses are being maintained and improved as they are being used. The Friends' next meeting will be October 28.

B) Strategic Planning will take place Saturday, October 13. Library staff will meet for a planning session on Friday, October 12. Allan Thoreson and Sue Fink will represent the board during the Saturday planning session. The Friends of the Library allocated \$5000 to cover the cost of this planning session. 20-22 community representatives will participate and a report with goals and objectives can be expected in about six months.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Fall Programming: Fall adult activities include eReader workshops, a fall film series, a visit from Terry Fisk, author of Iowa Road Guide to Haunted Locations, three book discussions, an altered book reception and a Scrabble tournament.

B) Town Meeting: Sarah Rosenblum, Sandy Gowdy and Monica Rohde-Fulton attended the Iowa Library Services Town Meeting in Urbandale on September 21.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.