

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
April 23, 2013

PRESENT: Maureen Lyons, Tom Colbert, Allan Thoreson, Leah Mattox, Glenn Ytzen, Sue Fink, Sarah Rosenblum, Sandy Gowdy and 15 MHS students. Absent: Barbara Burt

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

MARCH 26, 2013 MINUTES: The minutes were approved as written by a unanimous vote.

OPERATING BILLS: It was moved by Allan Thoreson and seconded by Glenn Ytzen to approve the March bills. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building Security: Captain Chris Jones has looked over our building situation and has made some security suggestions, including keeping shrubs cut to a low height and locking the staff entrance once all staff members have arrived. Shelving in the youth department was recently rearranged to open up a space closer to the youth services desk. The new arrangement has been met with positive comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Medal for Library Service: On April 23 it was announced that the Marshalltown Library was one of five winners of the IMLS National Medal. The National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids was also given the award for museums. Sarah Rosenblum, Maureen Lyons, Sandy Gowdy and Veronica Guevara will represent the library at an awards ceremony in Washington DC on Wednesday, May 8. A cash award of \$5000 and a medal will be presented to the library. A video showcasing the ten winners appears on the library's facebook page. As part of the award, NPR's Story Corp will be coming to town to record various stories which will be archived in the Library of Congress. Leah suggested having a celebration!

National Library Week: 255 food and personal care items were collected in response to the theme, "Communities Matter." Items will be delivered to the Emergency Food Box, the House of Compassion and the Salvation Army. Thanks to Morning Glory Bakery, Totem Bowl, Mama DeGrado's and the Orpheum Theater for contributing to the grand prize.

Building Works: Thanks to funding from the Friends of the Library, shelving has been moved in the youth department and some new interactive literacy panels will be installed. Shades will be installed in the youth activities room and in the west windows near the information desk. Terry Gray is looking for resources to replace some trees that have died. A committee is meeting to make plans for the care and feeding of the prairie.

Community Foundation Grants: Two grants were received with the Friends of the Library being the fiscal agent for both. \$1000 was received for the newspaper digitization project and \$1000 was received for "Building One Community" program.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.