

**Marshalltown Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
August 27, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Maureen Lyons, Leah Mattox, Tom Colbert, Sue Fink, Allan Thoreson, Barbara Burt, Ronnie Manis, Sarah Rosenblum, Sandy Gowdy

President Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 4:31pm.

**JULY 23, 2013 MINUTES:** The minutes were approved as written.

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

**BUSINESS:**

**1. New Board Member Introduction:** Ronnie Manis was introduced as a new board member. Ronnie is the principal at Anson Elementary School and replaces Glenn Ytzen, who passed away in July. Glenn will be missed and his many years of dedicated service is appreciated. A thank-you was read from Barbara Ytzen, thanking the board members for the memorial gift, which will be used for the digitization project.

**2. Election of Library Board Officers:** Allan Thoreson moved and Leah Mattox seconded that the three current officers of the board remain for another term. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. Officers for the 2013-2014 term are:

Maureen Lyons	President
Tom Colbert	Vice President
Sue Fink	Secretary

**3. Director's Report:**

*a. Congressman Bruce Braley* came to the library and presented a framed copy of the remarks he entered into the Congressional Record concerning the National Medal. Thanks to Pam Swarts from The Perfect Setting, who framed the Medal and also photographs taken at the White House.

*b. The Friends of the Library Continuing Book Sale* has been moved to the space formerly used for recently returned books. This offers more space for more books.

*c. Dates for the library's 2014 calendar* are being finalized. Since the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of November is during the week of Thanksgiving, Sarah asked if the Board might want to move the meeting date to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, November 19. It was agreed to meet on November 19, 2014. July 4, 2014 is on a Friday, so the library will be closed Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5.

*d. Prairie Update:* Many volunteers are putting in long and hot hours creating a more appealing prairie space. Markers now identify some of the plants. The middle section is receiving regular watering and butterflies have been seen in the area. Research is being done about seeding Buffalo Grass on one or both

ends, leaving the middle for flowers. Paul and Karn Gregoire have offered to pay for some signage.

*e. Sarah is applying for an exhibit about the Dust Bowl* that will travel to 25 libraries around the country.

*f. Deb Robinson, Ellen Youds and Kathleen Ferrin* have been hired as new part-time pages. (Ellen will begin in November)

*g. Freegal Music* is a new, free program available to our patrons which allows them to download up to three free songs per week onto their computer, phone, tablet or MP3 player.

*h. The printer* servicing the adult internet stations and the reference area now has a print-release feature, requiring users to pay for their copies before they print.

4. There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18pm.