

**Marshalltown Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
February 26, 2014**

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

President Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.

**JANUARY 28, 2014 MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 28, 2014, meeting were approved with the correction “locks” instead of “looks” in the Director’s report.

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

**BUSINESS:**

- a. *The Friends of the Library* had their annual meeting. All members were re-elected to the board and officers will be elected at their next meeting.
- b. *The annual FOL book sale* was held and earned about \$2000.
- c. *There have been a number of building issues.* A roof leak caused some damage to ceiling tiles and ice build-up under the rubber roof might cause future dripping until that dries up. The fire alarm people have been working on alarms. The sprinklers and boilers have been inspected. Dave Daters, city facilities supervisor, is looking for someone to check and perhaps repair the backflow preventer valve—a regulator that prevents water from backing up into our mechanical room.
- d. *Our XP computers* will no longer be supported by Microsoft after April 8. Unless they are updated they will be vulnerable to hacking. Decisions are being made on replacing the computers or updating the programs. Getting them all up and running will be the biggest and most time-consuming issue. Sarah is looking into options for funding.
- e. *The city is still looking at ways to cut costs.* The library typically runs on a very lean budget. A library levy is a possibility but would have to be brought before the community for a vote.
- f. *The Times Republican* is running a library column. Suggestions were given for possible topics.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm.