

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
April 28, 2015**

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

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

FEBRUARY 24 and MARCH 24, 2015 MINUTES: The minutes of the February 24, 2015 (approved this meeting due to a lack of quorum in March) and of the March 24, 2015 meetings were approved as written.

OPERATING BILLS: It was moved by Ronnie Manis and seconded by Sue Fink to approve the bills from both March and April. (March bills were not approved in March due to a lack of quorum). After a discussion about the vandalized windows, the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

--*Diane Lemker, Volunteer Coordinator*, was introduced. Diane started work on April 15, 2015 and will work 20 hours/week. Funding for the position has come from the Martha Ellen Tye Foundation, the Friends of the Library and the Community Foundation. Funds from the Library Levy, if passed, will be used to fund this position in the future.

--*Building Update*—Three windows recently were vandalized. The replacement cost will not be paid by our insurance but the city does have a fund that might pay the costs. Hometown Security is working on a quote for the installation of outside cameras and Dave Daters, the city's facilities supervisor, is researching installing lighting to illuminate the west and north sides of the building.

-- \$12,000 was spent to replace the emergency lighting batteries. This expense has been taken from the operating budget but is another example of how the Library Levy funds could be utilized.-

--*Door alarm*...To be in compliance with fire codes, it was necessary to alarm the door leading to the "Blue Activity Room" so that patrons could access the emergency exit in that room if there was an emergency. The alarm can be "armed" to sound if the door is opened when the room is not in use.

--*Prairie work* has begun and thanks to the Mormon Elders who have helped with mowing and hauling.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

--Recent adult programming included a couponing program on April 24 presented by Mary Potter Kenyon and a well-attended visit by famed University of Iowa wrestling coach, Dan Gable, on April 26.

--Grin City Collective will be turning some of the library's windows into a slate for poetry in mid-May. Original poetry will be turned into vinyl letters and then attached to our windows.

--Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros will be celebrated at the library on Thursday, April 30. Hundreds of children and their parents will attend this annual event.

--Sarah will attend an IMLS meeting in California in May.

--The Library will host the "Dust Bowl" in November. Sarah is working with the Orpheum Theater and the college on programming.

--Trustee officers will be elected in July.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.

