

Library Board Minutes: April 20, 2021
(ZOOM Meeting)

Board Members Attending: Tonya Gaffney, Ruzan Morrison, Judy Lindholm, Allan Thoreson, Maureen Lyons, Anders Carlson, Jim Lowrance

Staff: Sarah Rosenblum (Library Director), Joa LaVille, Katie Fink, Marlene Egleston, Jessica Ruiz, Debbie VanGundy, Jenelle Klavenga

Guests: Gary Thompson (Council Member)

President called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting were approved. Maureen Lyons made a motion and Jim Lowrance seconded the motion to approve. There were no additions or corrections.

Operating Bills: Judy Lindholm made a motion and Jim Lowrance seconded the motion to approve bills paid in April.

Old Business:

Traveling Holocaust exhibit will be coming in spring 2022. Will be partnering with schools.

New Business:

Future board meetings – May 18 on ZOOM, June 15 in meeting rooms or outdoors.

Walkthrough

More families, not many kids alone.

Inquiries about small meeting rooms – studying ventilation, may be able to rotate use

Mask Mandate - Anders Carlson moved to extend the mask mandate through August,

Allan Thoreson seconded.

Vaccination clinic – Maureen would like to thank Joa, library staff, Hy-Vee pharmacy techs, and

Immigrant Allies of Marshalltown for making the event so successful.

Library Accreditation – every three years. Sarah will bring policies to board for review.

Staff Reports

Joa - Hiring two library clerks.

Still have two openings.

New Wonder book collection with built-in MP3 player is very popular.

Adventure Pass article in newspaper generated a great response with 20 phone calls and 26 in person requests.

Spring Reads challenge has started.

Partnership with Marshalltown Community Business District for Book Fiesta.

Planning to use the 9 – 10 hour (not open to the public) to host Summer Blast camp, Camp Marshalltown, other large youth groups.

Possibility of having Story Time at the Farmer's Market.

Partnership with Parks & Recreation

Camp Marshalltown.

Studying adding a data connection to the Café so as to have computer use in that space.

The LEGO table is back.

Bobcat University – books for summer programming.

Director's Report:

Amber Danielson wants to present public art in May. Some people want to donate art – need to develop policy. Allan suggests an art area where people could exhibit artwork.

7.1 billion grant for connectivity in schools and libraries.

Fundraising for mobile outreach vehicle.

Consultant will be assistant in design and procurement of mobile outreach vehicle.

Staffing is very tight due to vacancies.

Tonya – suggestion to form a subgroup of the board to discuss operating hours after Labor Day.

Members will include Lindholm, Morrison and Carlson.

The next meeting will be on May 18, 2021 at 5pm on ZOOM

Meeting adjourned 6:15pm