

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
July 20, 2021

Members present: Jim Lowrance, Anders Carlson, Allan Thoreson, Maureen Lyons,
Judy Lindholm

Absent: Ruzan Morrison, Tonya Gaffney

Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Katie Fink and Joa LaVille

Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Operating Bills: Bills include the end-of-fiscal year bills and a U-Haul van rental that staff drove around town to get a feel for the size of the new bookmobile. Moved and seconded (Lowrance/Carlson) to approve the bills. PASSED.

Old Business:

New Business:

A: Election of Officers: It was moved/seconded (Carlson/Lindholm) to approve the following slate of officers:

President: Tonya Gaffney

Vice President: Allan Thoreson

Secretary: Judy Lindholm

B: Public Art Presentation: Amber Danielson, Director of the Arts and Cultural Alliance, gave an update and process of procuring public art. The Marshalltown Library is on a priority list for acquiring a piece of public art. Current pieces of public art include "Drill" at the high school, "Echo" in the 13th Street District, "Symbiosis" at the Police and Fire Station and various murals around town. New in 2021 will be a piece at the Marshalltown Performing Arts Center, a stamped piece of art near the Coliseum and various murals around town, including the safety murals at the crosswalks at 11 schools. The library's art piece might include an inside or outside mural or an outside statement piece. Teen involvement in selection will be encouraged.

C: Meeting Room Update Draft:

--The café has been repurposed for teen and tween use and is not available for public use.

--The small study rooms can be used, but not booked, by students younger than high school age.

--On-line room reservations: If a patron sends in an on-line room request, it may or may not be approved. One-line reservations will go live in September.

-- A change in policy is that even the small study rooms will be available to reserve on-line.

--Alcohol Use: Currently no alcohol is permitted in the meeting rooms. It has been suggested that alcohol might be permitted at library-sponsored events, subject to board approval. A vote on this issue will be taken at the next meeting.

D: Staff Reports:

Joa: --534 youth signed up on-line for the "Beanstack" challenge
--STEM kits have been provided by Emerson for a partnership with the library.
184 pop bottles were donated and delivered for a rocket activity!

Katie: --New staff members have been training
--Work continues on the on-line room booking system and the on-line calendar.
--Pop-up book sales have included craft books, cookbooks, DVDs and historical fiction.

Sarah/Director's Report:

- Book sales have picked up and the large, annual FOL book sale will be held September 10-12. Volunteers are needed to help sort.
- Sarah has talked to some potential donors for the bookmobile.
- Questions continue about a possible building expansion. Future use is up in the air so expansion plans are unsure. The city is planning for 2025, so we will have to be thinking of what we want.
- \$80,000 has been budgeted for the emergency generator.
- In FY22, another \$50,000 was budgeted for another RFD project. That might be redirected elsewhere.
- There is a party interested in purchasing and moving the two houses.
- Please suggest names for an upcoming vacant board position. A male is preferred to keep the gender balance. They must live within the Marshalltown city limits.

This is Anders Carlson's last meeting as he is moving out of town. Many thanks to him for his service on the board!

Public Comment: There was no public comment

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm.

Judy Lindholm
8/17/2021