

**Marshalltown Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
April 19, 2022**

**Members Present:** Allan Thoreson, Ruzan Morrison, Jim Lowrance, Judy Lindholm, Tonya Gaffney, Maureen Lyons, Kevin Pink  
**Staff:** Katie Fink, Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille (remote)  
**Guests:** 2 visitors from California

President Tonya Gaffney called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

The minutes of the March 15, 2022 were corrected to read that Ruzan Morrison was absent.

**Operating Bills:** Bills included a number of new public computers and new shelving and browser bins in the youth department. It was moved/seconded (Thoreson/Morrison) to approve the bills. Passed.

**Old Business:** There has been no word on the status of the library's re-accreditation. Due to shortage of facilities staff, there has been no progress on the generator or solar panels. A person has purchased two lots in the area and is hoping to move the two houses owned by the Friends of the Library to these lots. If not, both houses will be razed early summer. The bookmobile building will be funded by the estate gift of Robert Brucklacher. It will be a simple building with two large garage-type doors.

**New Business:**

*A: Holocaust Exhibit Update:* The Michael Bornstein presentation was attended by about 700 people, including 250 students. Thanks to Beaverdale Books who provided books for sale and signing. Dr. Best's presentation was attended by about 150 people. Foot traffic for the exhibit has been good and has included visitors from 17 states and several groups. Steven Pressman will make a presentation on his book and documentary, 50 Children, in DeJardin Hall on the MCC campus. He will also be meeting with Joa's high school LOL group. May 6 is the last day of the exhibit. It will be boxed up and sent to the next location.

*B: Community Connections: River of Hope Partnership:* Jen Ford, a social worker with Iowa River Hospice, will be doing outreach at the library on the third Tuesday of each month for two hours. She will help people with questions or issues with Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and other social services.

*C: Staffing Update:* Currently there are two library services clerk positions open. One offer has been made and interviewing for the second position will take place soon. The position for the Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator will be posted soon.

*D: Staff Reports:*

**Joa:**

- The new face-out bins have arrived and are a huge success. Some other shelving has been moved or swapped.
- The library is once again partnering with Main Street for a story book walk, which will take the place of the past HUGE Dia de Los Niños celebrations!
- The department is seeing back-to-normal traffic—which also brings back some back-to-normal behavioral issues.
- There has been a huge influx of use in the newly repurposed café.

--This year Small Talk is being offered in both Spanish and English and is offered on-line instead of in-person.

**Katie:**

--the Friends of the Library has approved funding for six Hot Spots. A borrowing policy for the Hot Spots will be ready to approve in May.

--She has been working with the City Clerk on the State Off-Set program.

--She has been working on the job description for the Outreach Coordinator position.

***E: Director's Report:***

--The State Library's Directors' Roundtable will be meeting at the library.

--It has been requested that Robert Brucklacher's name be added to the donor wall. His estate funds will be used to build the bookmobile garage.

--Two anniversaries will be celebrated next year: 125 years of library service in Marshalltown and 15 years of service in this building.

--The City Transit Department and Public Works Department are working on a program that would allow people to use their library card as a bus pass to come to the library.

--Sarah has given many talks and interviews about the Holocaust exhibition.

Kevin Pink introduced himself and was welcomed as a new board member.

**Public Comment:** Monica Guzman and her son, Daniel, are visiting Marshalltown from California. They have a particular interest in baseball and Marshalltown's Cap Anson, so they made a pilgrimage to Marshalltown.

The next meeting will be May 17, 2022, at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.