

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
August 16, 2022

Members Present: Tonya Gaffney, Judy Lindholm, Maureen Lyons, Ashtyn Beek and Ruzan Morrison (remote)

Absent: Jim Lowrance, Kevin Pink

Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille (remote)

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

The minutes of the July 19, 2022 meeting were approved as written.

Operating Bills: Large increases have been seen in utility bills, HVAC filters, etc. The city council will be discussing a franchise fee, which would be used to ease the looming city budget deficit. It was moved/seconded (Lyons/Lindholm) to approve the bills. Approved.

Statistics: Busy, busy summer! Over 1500 children participated in the summer reading program. The statistics show what a positive force the library is to the community.

Old Business: The newly implemented fine-free policy is going well with good response from users. It seems more books are being returned.

New Business:

A: Budget Update: A city franchise fee is being discussed by the City Council.

B: 2023 Calendar: Items to note: the November board meeting will move to Tuesday, November 14, 2023. The library will be closed on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday over the Christmas holiday. It was moved/seconded (Lyons/Beek) to approve the 2023 calendar. Passed.

C: State of Libraries: Sarah shared a document from the ALA: "State of America's Libraries."

D: Staff Reports:

Joa:

--The youth department is finishing its summer activities, awarding prizes, sharing photos and summarizing the summer reading program.

--The new school year begins and includes the EMERGE schedule.

--Beanstack: The popular program, "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" is being changed to "Read 1000 Books Together" and will continue to age 8.

--The department is doing a major picture book weed in preparation for the new forward-facing bins to arrive.

--The student ID project with the school district is still being worked on.

--Bookmobile: the bookmobile is scheduled to be delivered the end of September.

Sarah:

--Interviews are upcoming for the Outreach Coordinator position.

--A long-time Library Assistant I staff person has requested a reduction of hours. This opening has been filled internally by Logan Jay, who previously was a Library Services Clerk.

--Sarah is going to pursue a conversation about replacing or upgrading our solar panels.

This was a goal of former board member, Alan Thoreson—he'll be pleased to hear the outcome!

--Sarah and Maureen will be gone for the September meeting.

--There will be two discussions about the 2022 All-Iowa Reads selection, The Butterfly Effect.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

The next meeting will be September 20, 2022, at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned.