

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
April 18, 2023

Members Present: Judy Lindholm, Jim Lowrance, Ruzan Morrison, Ashtyn Beek
Absent: Tonya Gaffney, Kevin Pink, Maureen Lyons
Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille

Secretary Judy Lindholm called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Public Comment: The following people spoke during Public Comment: John Worden, Paul Alman, Ray Mitchum, Pete Grady, Jeannine Grady

Approval of the Agenda: It was moved/seconded (Beek/Lowrance) to approve the agenda. Passed.

March 21, 2023 Minutes: It was moved/seconded (Morrison/Beek) to approve the minutes. Passed.

Operating Bills: It was moved/seconded (Lowrance/Morrison) to approve the bills. Passed.

Statistics:

Old Business: Two windows have lost their seals and will be replaced. Some work, under warranty, has been done on the roof.

New Business:

A: MOBI Update: The wrap for MOBI is tentatively scheduled to be done mid-May. Youth staff has been working on a summer schedule for MOBI, getting the collection ready and behind-the-scenes preparations. Some pilot stops are being planned for the summer, giving the staff some “notes” to follow for the fall. Some designs and code enforcements are being looked at for the Robert Brucklacher garage. More information next month.

B: Collection Development Policy Revision: Because several board members were absent at this meeting, the policy revision was tabled until the May meeting.

C: Staff Reports:

Joa: The storybook walk continues until May 5. A grant for a Welcome Collection was received from the Community Foundation. Books in many languages will be included and will be ready to circulate by fall. A high school volunteer has been laminating books in the youth department—a huge and appreciated job!

D: Director’s Report: FEH architects were recently here discussing additional meeting room spaces. Two authors are scheduled to visit the library: Paul Kix, author of the soon-to-be-released book, “You Have to Be Prepared to Die Before You Can Begin to Live: Ten Weeks in Birmingham that Changed America,” will be at the library on June 8 and William Kent Krueger, whose new book, “The River We Remember,” will be at the library on November 4.

The next meeting will be May 16, 2023 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.