

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
September 19, 2023

Members Present: Tonya Gaffney, Kevin Pink, Judy Lindholm, Maureen Lyons, Ruzan Morrison

Absent: Ashtyn Beek

Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille, Katie Fink

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

Public Comment: The following people spoke during Public Comment: Jeannine Loros, Pete Grady, John Worden, Ray Mitchum, Randy Inhelder

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

August 15, 2023 Minutes: It was moved/seconded (Lyons/Pink) to approve the minutes. Passed.

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

Old Business:

--MOBI ribbon cutting: The Chamber and several guests participated in the ribbon cutting

--Special Library Levy: Still waiting for county valuations, which could take months

New Business:

Summer Reading Wrap-up

--Adult Summer Reading: There was great on-line and paper participation this year with 204 active participants.

--This was the third year using Beanstack to record youth participation. There were 927 registrations plus Bobcat University for a total of 1095 participants

--Interaction between staff and reward earners was stressed resulting in 1666 interactions!

Staff Reports:

--Katie: The recent Friends of the Library book sale made over \$4400. September is Library Card Sign-up Month with free replacement cards being offered. There will be a sign-up table at Hy-Vee.

Historical author, Linda McCann, will present a program on Oct 1, "Rosie the Riveters in Iowa."

--Joa: The EMERGE program will be beginning soon. Every 6th grader will visit the library once a month.

MOBI will be going to Fisher School for Parents' Night. Joa has been doing pre-school outreach at the Y and at Bobcat Academy. 25 students at the high school are participating in the LOL Book Club!

Director's Report:

--MOBI will be making an appearance in the September 23 Oktoberfest Parade.

--Progress is being made on the two houses to be moved.

--FEH will be presenting some firmer plans for the interior renovations.

--Sarah is working with the Holocaust Museum to help pick the next 50 locations to host the Holocaust exhibition.

--A compensation study has been done with the City Council. This should help with the retention and applications throughout the city.

--Jim Lowrance has stepped down from his position on the Library Board. The mayor will appoint a new member and the appointment will be approved by the City Council. It was moved by Maureen Lyons and seconded by Judy Lindholm to accept, with regret, Jim Lowrance's resignation from the Library Board. Passed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.