

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
October 17, 2023

Members Present: Tonya Gaffney, Kevin Pink, Judy Lindholm, Ashtyn Beek, Erik Hall, Maureen Lyons, Ruzan Morrison

Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Katie Fink, Joa LaVille

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

New board member, Erik Hall, was introduced. Erick replaces Jim Lowrance on the board and his term will end June 30, 2029.

Public Comment: The following people spoke during Pubic Comment: John Worden, Ray Mitchum

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

Approval of the September 19, 2023 Minutes: It was moved/seconded (Pink/Lindholm) to approve the minutes. Passed.

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

Old Business:

--Levy/Budget: No new information concerning the levy and property tax evaluations.

New Business:

A. **FY24 Budget:** It appears there will be a significant loss of revenue for the city in FY24, due to the loss of the levies. The library stands to lose about \$200,000. Sarah has asked for a subcommittee of board members to help determine and prioritize potential cost cuts.

B: **2024 Calendar:** It was moved/seconded (Pink/Beek) to approve the 2024 Calendar. *subject to change.

C: Staff Reports:

Katie:

--Best-selling author, William Kent Krueger, will present and do a book signing at the Library on Saturday, November 4, at 2:00. Kathy Wilson will be doing a presentation on Jane Austen on Saturday, December 2.

Joa:

-- A memorial donation of two car seat "buggies" has been received.
--The Kiwanis Club has disbanded and has made a parting donation to purchase books.
--The library works in partnership with a multitude of organizations. Some include: the Marshalltown School District, Arts & Alliance, the Y, Primary Health, The Marshalltown Police and Fire Departments, Public Transportation, Education and Training Center, Reach Out and Read and MORE!

D: Director's Report:

--It is important to remember that the Friends of the Library is funding the building renovation project and the MOBI "garage." FOL funds are used to ENHANCE library services but do not cover operating expenses, salaries or maintenance.

--The city recently completed a compensation study and the City Council will be voting on that soon.

--The Chamber of Commerce will host a candidate forum at the library on Tuesday, October 31 at 5:30. At-large and Ward 2 candidates will be present. The library will be a polling place for the city election on Tuesday, November 7.

--The Friends of the Library received a small grant for MOBI.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14 at 5:00pm. **Note the change of date

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.