

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
November 14, 2023

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

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, John Worden, Ray Mitchum and Tonya Gaffney

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

Approval of the October 17, 2023 Minutes: It was moved/seconded (Beek/Lyons) to approve the minutes. Passed.

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

Old Business:

--There was a large attendance at the recent author visit by William Kent Krueger. Thanks to Beaverdale Books for supplying books for sale.

New Business:

A: Budget: The FY25 Budget process is underway. An update to technology in the meeting rooms is going to be added to the CIP. CIP funds for the solar project will be put on hold until the roof will need to be replaced in a few years. The city will not receive the evaluations needed for budgeting until the end of December or January.

B: Staffing Update: Two library assistants have been hired.

C: In-service Day Training: The library was closed Friday, November 10 for in-service training. Many staff took a tour of Emerson. A homelessness/trauma training was done by Ryan Dowd.

D: Friends of the Library Update: The Friends met Sunday, November 12. Deirdre Gruendler was a guest and spoke on ways to handle the uncertainty of the upcoming budget shortfall. Tonya Gaffney spoke on the petition and letter-writing campaign to local legislators. The FOL Annual Meeting will be in January.

E: Staff Reports:

Katie:

-- Popular speaker and historian, Kathy Wilson, will do a program on Jane Austen on December 2.

--Three Iowa Humanities grants were received for 2024.

Joa:

--Upcoming special events include the ISU Insect Zoo (Nov. 19) and the modular train display will return to the library on December 9 and 10.

-- Author, Elise Broach, in partnership with MACC and the Friends of the Library, will be doing an author talk for youth and adults and a meet and greet and book signing on December 7.

--Summer '24 plans are underway!!

F: Director's Report:

--Sarah is on the selection committee for the second round of the Holocaust Exhibition.

--She is hoping the city can house MOBI over the winter.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 19 at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.