

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
February 27, 2024

Members present: Kevin Pink, Ashtyn Beek (Zoom), Erik Hall, Ruzan Morrison

Absent: Tonya Gaffney, Judy Lindholm, Maureen Lyons

Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille, Katie Fink

Vice President Kevin Pink called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

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

**The Public Comment section was moved to the end of the agenda because a board member needed to leave the meeting, eliminating a quorum to conduct business. PASSED.

Approval of January 16, 2024 Minutes: It was moved/seconded (Hall/Morrison) to approved the minutes. PASSED.

Operating Bills: It was moved/seconded (Morrison, Hall) to approve the bills as corrected. (BDH bill included charges for the library AND the MPD) Passed,

Old Business:

- Sam Abbott has been hired as a reference librarian.
- New DVD shelving has been ordered.
- COVID tests are still in demand, but the library is currently out.

New Business:

A: Budget: the City voted a one-time use of LOST money to fill in the loss of levy funds.

The book budget (\$114,000) has been moved from the regular budget to the CIP.

The library will continue to analyze spending and operations and at this time is not anticipating having to reduce hours.

Two vacant positions will be held open.

B: Staffing Update: Sam Abbott has begun her new job at the Information Desk.

A full-time position has just been posted.

C: Staff Reports:

Katie: There are two programs scheduled for March:

--March 9: Sara Jordan-Heintz will give a program and book signing— “The Incredible Life and Mysterious Death of Dorothy Kilgallen.”

--March 23: Helen Lewis will give a program on Jane Adams and Hull House

Joa:

--On Staff Day (Feb 19) Youth staff removed the tops of shelving and shifted the collection

--120 Lenihan students have signed up for BOB (Battle of the Books)

--The library is partnering with the National Honor Society to sponsor an event, “Reading in the Roundhouse.”

--The first-ever puzzle swap was held with hopes to repeat at a later date.

D: Director's Report:

- The library hosted two meetings for the upcoming March 5 LOST and PPEL elections.
- The City has contracted with former finance director, Cindy Kendell, to help with finances and the City Administrator search
- State Legislation: Several bills affecting libraries did not make it through the funnel. They still can be reintroduced as amendments in future bills.

Public Comment: The following people spoke during Public Comment: David Engle, Steve Lycke, Mark Steinberg, Tom Weber, Linda Huston, John Worden, Garrison Oppman, Ray Mitchum, Mark Eaton and Linda Holvick

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.