

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
January 21, 2025

Members Present: Tonya Gaffney, Maureen Lyons, Ashtyn Beek, Sandy Bennett, Erik Hall, Ruzan Morrison
Absent: Judy Lindholm
Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille, Katie Fink
Recording Secretary: Sandy Gowdy

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

Public Comment: John Worden, Pete Grady, Joleen Ballard and Ray Mitchum spoke during Public Comment.

Board Comment: No comments

Approval of Agenda: Moved/Seconded (Lyons/Bennett) to approve the agenda. Passed.

Approval of Dec. 17, 2024 Minutes: Moved/Seconded (Bennett/Beek) to approve the minutes. Passed.

Operating Bills: Moved/Seconded (Morrison/Hall) to approve the bills. Passed.

Old Business: The City has appointed Debbie Millizer as the new Housing and Community Development Director and Jeff Evenson as the new Parks and Rec Director.
The Montour Open Access situation has not been resolved.

New Business:

A: Budget: The proposal to close the library on Sundays was NOT met with Council approval. The Volunteer Coordinator position will remain unfilled. Continue to save money!!

B: Behavior Policy Review: Board members will study the revised policy and approve at the February meeting.

C: Staff Reports:

Katie: The T-R did an article on the top circulated items. Mara Edler has re-activated the on-line library newsletter. Suggested to have print copies available also.

A program on AI and Human Future will be presented on Saturday, February 8.

Joa: Joa reviewed the highest checked-out items in Youth. Over 100 students are participating in BOB (Battle of the Books) this year.

D: Director's Report:

- Budget: Working with the City and with library staff
- Building: Some carpet squares have been replaced.
- The 100 Women Who Care organization recently donated to the Homelessness Task Force.
- The Friends of the Library's Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 26.
- The library has been acting as a warming center, but numbers have not been large.
- The project of labeling and numbering books in a series continues. Much appreciation!

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm.