

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
March 15, 2022

Members Present: Tonya Gaffney, Allan Thoreson, Judy Lindholm (zoom), Jim Lowrance (zoom), Maureen Lyons, Ruzan Morrison, Kevin Pink
Guests: Ashtyn Beek (Ashtyn will be taking Allan Thoreson's place when Allan retires) and Susanna Meyer (T-R: zoom)
Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille

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

The minutes of the February 15, 2022 minutes were approved as written.

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

Old Business: The re-accreditation papers have been turned in to the state. This is done every three years and the library will receive about \$15,000 from the state by being accredited. It was noted that two years ago today, the library was closed to the public due to the pandemic.

New Business:

A: Budget Update: The city has approved the library going fine free as of July 1. Fines will no longer be charged except for lost or damaged items and for hot spots, once we receive those.

B: Holocaust Exhibition Update: This national exhibition is scheduled to arrive next week. Some programs scheduled during the exhibit have already happened: the movie, "Big Sonia" and the book discussion of The Survivor's Club. Joa has made presentations at the high school and has been laying groundwork with teachers.

C: Staffing Update: Currently there are two vacant positions. The position of volunteer/outreach coordinator is being worked on. As in other city departments, it is getting hard to compete with other employers who can pay more. Currently the library has one full-time and three part-time Spanish speakers.

D: Staff Reports:

Joa:

- The youth department is finishing school-year projects
- The summer reading theme is "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" and planning is underway.
- Book bins have been purchased which will allow beginning readers to be shelved with their covers facing out.
- Bookmobile planning continues
- Information is being gathered to allow students to use their student ID number as their library card numbers.

E: Director's Report:

--The City Facilities Manager, Dave Daters, recently passed away. Projects he had been working on, the generator and improving our existing solar panels, may be delayed.

--The Friends of the Library received a major gift that will help fund the accessory building to house the bookmobile. His name will be added to the donor wall. Another potential donor has visited with Sarah and expressed how the Marshalltown Library had been instrumental in her life's success.

--Delivery date for the bookmobile has been moved up to mid-summer.

Welcome to new board member, Kevin Pink. Kevin replaces Chad Hammar, who resigned from the board.

Ashtyn Beek will be Allan Thoreson's replacement when Allan retires this summer.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

The next meeting will be April 19, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.