

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
June 20, 2023

Members Present: Kevin Pink, Judy Lindholm, Ashtyn Beek, Jim Lowrance, Maureen Lyons, Ruzan Morrison
Absent: Tonya Gaffney
Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Katie Fink

Vice President Kevin Pink called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Public Comment: the following people spoke during Public Comment: Allan Thoreson, John Worden, Pete Grady, Ray Mitchem, and Mike Ladehoff

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

May 16, 2023 Minutes: It was moved/seconded (Lindholm/ Beek) to approve the minutes. Passed.

Operating Bills: Bills included end-of-year expenses and the purchase of picnic tables and a heavy-duty trash can for the west lawn. It was moved/seconded (Lyons/ Lowrance) to approve the bills. Passed.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

A: MOBI Update: MOBI is now with Sign Creations working on the final design wrap. It has gone on pilot visits to a day care and a school and will be present at the upcoming Healthy Family Fair.

B: Special Library Levy: Still no word from the State about eliminating the levy.

C: Home delivery Service Policy: The current "Shut-In Policy" has been revised to create the "Home Delivery Service" Policy. It was moved/seconded (Lindholm/Lyons) to approve the revised Home Delivery Policy and request form. Passed.

D: Staff Reports:

Katie: Staff has been investigating a new cataloging system. The new system is provided by Baker & Taylor and is call BTCAT. It will begin in early July. Patrons will not see a change in the on-line catalog. 113 people have signed up for the adult summer reading program. Discussions for the 2023 All-Iowa reads novel, How High We Go in the Dark, will be on July 11.

Joa: Joa gave an overview of Beanstack, the program used year round to track readers' progress, badges and rewards. Readers may use a paper version, the Beanstack app or a mixed version to keep track of their summer reading. Current registration for summer reading is 804! Thanks to Rotary for helping sponsor Beanstack for the first three years.

E: Director's Report:

--Two city employees have resigned: City Administrator, Jessica Kinser, and Housing and Community Development Director, Michelle Spohnheimer, have resigned. Bob Fagen will serve as Interim City Administrator until the end of June.

--Staff have met with FEH, the library's architects, about interior work. These improvements are being funded by the Friends of the Library.

--Library Board officers will be elected next month.

--Ashtyn Beek and Jim Lowrance have been appointed by the mayor for a full term on the Board of Trustees.

--Joa will be attending the annual ALA meeting in Chicago.

--Paul Kix recently gave a well-attended program on his new book, You Have to Be Prepared to Die Before You Can Begin to Live. Popular author, William Kent Krueger, will be at the library on November 4.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 pm.