

Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
April 16, 2024

Members Present: Tonya Gaffney, Judy Lindholm, Maureen Lyons, Erik Hall (remote)

Absent: Kevin Pink, Ruzan Morrison, Ashtyn Beek

Staff: Sarah Rosenblum, Joa LaVille (remote), Katie Fink

Recording Secretary: Sandy Gowdy

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

Public Comment: The following people spoke during Public Comment: John Worden, Jeannine Loros, Paul Alman, Gerald Kuchara, Ray Mitchum, Michael Donahey, Pete Grady

Board comment:

Approval of the Agenda: Moved/seconded (Lyons/Lindholm) to approve the agenda. Passed.

Approval of the March 19, 2024 Minutes: Moved/seconded (Lindholm/Lyons) to approve the minutes. Passed.

Operating Bills: Moved/seconded (Lyons/Lindholm) to approve the bills. Passed.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

A: *Budget:* Cindy Kendall will be at the May meeting to answer questions about the budget.

B: *Review of By-Laws:* Moved/seconded (Lindholm/Lyons) to add ..."is established by municipal ordinance 31.045" to Article VIII of the By-Laws. Passed.

C: *Statement of Concern:* A Statement of Concern was submitted by John Worden. President Gaffney reviewed her questions concerning the Statement, including making space for give-away. No board action was taken.

D: *Staffing Update:*

--Interviews have been conducted for the full-time position.

--The Outreach Coordinator position is still vacant and that position will be held open.

E: *Staff Reports:*

--**Katie:**

-- Dennis Goldford, Political Science Professor at Drake University, will present the final Humanities Iowa program on Political Polarization on Sunday May 5.

--New project in Adult Fiction-- the series order number is being put on the spine labels.

--Joa:

- 500 eclipse glasses, furnished by the StarNet Education program through NASA, were distributed prior to the recent eclipse.
- A Storybook Walk in conjunction with the CBD is underway.
- The first in-person Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros celebration since COVID will be held Sunday, April 21, at Midnight Gardens. Free for all!
- The Battle of the Books also returned after COVID. 95 Lenihan students celebrated achievement in reading.

F: Director's Report:

- the city has hired a consultant for the City Administrator search
- review of "Pop Mags"...staff recently applied the Collection Development Policy to a Pop Mag, "Women and Weed." Due to out-of-date information, it was removed from the collection.
- Sarah reviewed several benefits we receive from IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services)

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.