

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
September 24, 2024**

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

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

Public Comment: Ray Mitchum spoke during public comment.

Board Comment: Tonya Gaffney invited anyone interested to volunteer for the upcoming Junior Achievement BizTown.
Welcome to new board member, Sandy Bennett, who is filling the spot previously held by Kevin Pink.

Approval of the Agenda: Moved/Seconded (Bennett/Morrison) Approved

Approval of the August 20, 2024 Minutes: Moved/Seconded (Morrison/Lindholm) Approved

Election of New Vice President: Kevin Pink's resignation was received in August 30, 2024. An election will be held during the October meeting for a new Vice President.

Operating Bills: Moved/Seconded (Lindholm/Beek) to approve the bills. Approved

Old Business: There was no old business

New Business:

A: Budget: Sarah has met with the new City Administrator, Carol Webb. No new budget information at this time. MOBI: the City Council tabled discussion and a decision concerning MOBI until the new City Administrator arrived.

B: Staffing Update: Mara Edler has been hired as a full-time staff. Jessie Garcia and Chris Compton have been hired as part-time library associates. At this time, all positions, except for the outreach position, are fully staffed. 😊

C: Statement of Concern and Book Reviews: A Statement of Concern had been received for the book, The Little Library, by Margaret McNamara. All board members were given a copy of the book to read and study at the last meeting. There was no discussion by board members. It was moved/seconded (Beek/Hall) to take no action on the Statement of Concern. Passed.

D: Staff reports:

Joa: Preparations for the new school year, new volunteers and the EMERGE program visits are being made. Pedro Martin, the author of MexiKid, will be making presentations at the library, high school, Miller and Lenihan on October 9 and 10.
The library had a presence at the recent Cultural Fair in the downtown area.

Katie: The recent FOL book sale made \$3600. Peter Fletcher, classical guitarist, will be at the library on October 13. Author Michael Perry will be at the library on November 21.

E: Director's Report: Work is nearly completed on revamping the café as a hub for tweens.

The State Library's Annual Survey is being completed.

The new City Administrator has been invited to visit and tour the library.

The interior renovation project will be getting started again. This project is being funded by Friends of the Library.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 15 at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Judy Amick". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the text "The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.".