

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
October 15, 2024**

Members present: Tonya Gaffney, Judy Lindholm, Ashtyn Beek, Sandy Bennett, Erik Hall, Maureen Lyons, Ruzan Morrison

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, Ray Mitchem, Pete Grady and Joleen Ballard spoke during public comment.

Board Comment: There were no comments.

Approval of Agenda: Moved/Seconded (Lyons/Lindholm) Approved.

Approval of the September 24, 2024 Minutes: Moved/Seconded (Morrison/Hall) to approve with the correction "Mexikid." Approved.

Election of New Vice-President: Maureen Lyons has volunteered to finish Kevin Pink's unexpired term. Moved/Seconded (Lindholm/Bennett) to approve. All ayes.

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

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

A: Draft of 2025 Calendar: The September 2025 Board meeting is moved to the 4th Tuesday of the month to avoid the Friends' Book Sale. Moved/Seconded (Morrison/Lindholm) to approve the 2025 Calendar.

B: Staff Reports:

Joa:

- Author, Pedro Martin, spent two days visiting the library and Lenihan.
- The EMERGE program has started for the year and is going well
- Tracking use of the Tween Café is showing good use.
- There were 844 summer reading registrations
- Joa shared slides of numerous summer activities and MANY happy faces!

Katie:

- Adult programming:
 - Greg Woods did a program on dealing with Alzheimer's
 - Historian Kathy Wilson will present a program on the Salem Witch Trials on November 12
 - Author Michael Perry will present a program on November 21.
 - 192 adults were registered for the summer reading program


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C: Director's Report:

- The MHS Class of '74 presented a check to the library
- Scott Dermont and State Law Librarian, Mandy Easter, are both retiring from the State Library. Because of Scott's departure, accreditations due in '25 will be pushed out a year.
- Sarah participated in Police Chief interviews
- Department heads participated in the city's strategic planning with new City Administrator, Carol Webb.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48pm

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, at 5:00pm.