

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
August 15, 2023**

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

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

Public Comment: The following people spoke during public comment: John Worden, Ray Mitchum, Pete Grady and Mark Eaton

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

Election of 2023-2024 Officers: it was moved/seconded (Lyons/Beek) to approve the following slate of officers: President: Tonya Gaffney
Vice President: Kevin Pink
Secretary: Judy Lindholm

The motion was passed.

June 20, 2023 Minutes: It was moved/seconded to approve the minutes. Passed.

**There were no July minutes due to lack of quorum for the meeting

Operating Bills: It was moved/seconded (Lyons/Pink) to approve the July 18 and August 15 bills. Passed.

Statistics: It was noted that during the past year over 17,000 materials have been circulated to non-residents. (Does NOT include residents of Marshalltown, Marshall County, Haverhill or Ferguson)

Old Business: Summer activities end on Monday. There have been good numbers for both kids and adults.

New Business:

A: MOBI—August 9 Ribbon Cutting: Thanks to the Chamber for providing the ribbon and scissors. The State Librarian was also in attendance.

B: Special Library Levy: The State has approved massive cuts on city levys—even ones voted on by the public. This includes Marshalltown's 2015 library levy. Three board members will work with Sarah to work on possible reductions and those suggestions will be brought to the entire board.

C: Staff Reports: Both Katie Fink and Joa LaVille were absent

D: Director's Report:

- Joe Gaa has been appointed as the new City Administrator. He will be begin September 18.
- The City Council voted to approve the Salary Survey.
- September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Replacement library cards will be free during the month
- Kitchen countertops are going to be replaced in the staff kitchen as well as in the meeting room kitchen.
- Kay Sinning donated funds to the Friends of the Library to clear bushes and trees on the north side of the building.
- There were many great summer activities on the lawn this summer.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.