

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
April 22, 2014**

PRESENT: Barbara Burt, Ronnie Manis, Allan Thoreson, Tom Colbert, Sue Fink, Maureen Lyons, Leah Mattox, Sarah Rosenblum, Sandy Gowdy

President Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

MARCH 25, 2014, MINUTES: The minutes of the March 25, 2014 meeting were approved as printed.

OPERATING BILLS: It was moved by Allan Thoreson and seconded by Sue Fink to approve the operating bills. The motion was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS:

- A. ***Dust, Drought and Dreams Gone By:*** The Marshalltown Library is one of twenty-five libraries and colleges throughout the county selected to host this traveling exhibition, which is a joint project of the ALA and National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibit will be at the Marshalltown Library in November 2015 for six weeks, and will include programs, lectures and the screening of the Ken Burns movie. Included is \$1200 to help with the cost of hosting this exhibition. The library worked in collaboration with MCC and Dr. Tom Colbert and Sally Wilson in securing this exhibit.

Director's Report:

- A. It was announced today that George Taylor and Bill Bestmann, in honor of their wives, have contributed \$10000 to start an endowment for the library. The Community Foundation will manage the funds.
- B. The computer software upgrade continues. Thanks to Katie Fink for her efforts in this project!
- C. The library collected supplies for the local Animal Rescue League during National Library Week. The ARL will present a program on Saturday, April 26, and a grand prize will be awarded.
- D. Summer hours will begin May 27, the day after Memorial Day. The library will close at 7:00pm Monday through Thursday. Other hours remain the same.
- E. Grass seed recently was sown and other work done on the prairie/garden.
- F. The city has been awarded funds for public art for the 13th Street area and the high school, but not for the library. The Friends of the Library will decide if they want to proceed with funding some art for the library grounds.
- G. Strategic Plan: Sarah gave an update on the Strategic Plan. Pass along comments and suggestion to her.

There was no public comment.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.