

**Marshalltown Public Library
Board of Trustees
September 22, 2015**

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

President Maureen Lyons called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.

AUGUST 25, 2015 MINUTES: The minutes of the August 25, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

OPERATING BILLS: It was moved and seconded (Thoreson/Mattox) to approve the operating bills. The motion was unanimously approved. It was noted that two photocopiers have been purchased with capital funds. Five years of pre-paid copies are included.

OLD BUSINESS:

--Tri-State Lock got the bid to change out the café doors. An installation date will be chosen.

NEW BUSINESS:

--*FOL/Library Levy Update:* The Friends held their first Town Hall Meeting for the Library Levy. Only six attended, but good questions were asked. Maureen and Mary Ellen Mondt have done interviews on KDAO. Two more Town Hall Meetings will take place on October 6 and October 29. If the levy passes, money will be available in July, 2016

--*2016 Calendar:* The 2016 calendar was approved with the November Library Board meeting moved to November 15 and the December meeting moved to December 20.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

--*A publication, "Public Writing, Public Libraries: A Literary Public Art Series"* features the poetry written by poets from the Grin City Collective. These poems have been installed on windows in Iowa public libraries. The poem written by Purvi Shah is featured on our café windows and is written in English, Spanish and Burmese.

--*Volunteer Ice Cream Social:* Volunteers were treated to an ice cream social in appreciation for their service. Five volunteers were recognized for over 20 years of service.

--*Jerry Barlow*, Celtic guitarist, gave a concert on September 15. 80 people attended.

--*The 6-week exhibition on the Dust Bowl* will begin on Friday, November 6. A mailing, as well as information on a website, will list a schedule of activities.

--*Summer Stats:* 1104 children plus several local youth camps registered for summer events. Thanks to youth department staff for a very successful summer.

--*Many thanks to Sue Fink* who is retiring from the Board after many years of service.

--*Several names* were suggested to fill the Board's two vacant seats.

The next meeting will be October 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.