



MINUTES

Library Board

5:00 PM - Monday, August 9, 2021

City Hall, 1225 6th Avenue

The Library Board of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 5:00 PM, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Sally Reck, Susan Kling, Jack Zumwalt, Okpara Rice, Kim Rose, Eileen Robinson, Seth Moomey, Cara Briggs Farmer, Ross McIntyre, Chelsea Nunn

ABSENT: Nancy Miller, Sandy Rosenberger

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Carroll, James Teahen, Kimberly Cowger, Amy Geiger, Sue Gerth

FRIENDS REP: None

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Board President, Sally Reck.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Moved by Briggs Farmer, seconded by Moomey, to approve agenda as presented.

Approved unanimously

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments

LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

Programming Manager Madeline Jarvis's research was on [the cover of the July/August issue of American Libraries](#) magazine. Head to page 14 for the article! Kudos to Madeline!

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Motion to approve the July meeting minutes.

Moved by Rose, seconded by Zumwalt, to approve the July minutes as presented.

Approved unanimously

REPORTS

Friends of the Marion Public Library Report

Report given by Eileen Robinson in Jan Dickinson's absence. There are 3 new members to the Friends Board, to members were lost due to end of term.

Marion Public Library Foundation Report

- Campaign Update--So far \$2,850,619 of our \$3.3M goal has been raised. Leaving a balance of \$442,380 to be raised.

Review of July Budget Report

Due to a software glitch, the budgeted amount per account as well as percentage used are not accurate on the Report included in the packet. Expense amounts are correct. A corrected Report of July's Budget will be included in the September Board Meeting packet. Seth Moomey questioned an \$18,000 unbudgeted expense on line 6499--Contracts-Other Services. Admin Assistant Kimberly Cowger explained that this was the final balance due to Bradbury Miller for the Director Search.

Art Committee Report

Art Committee will report next month when changes to the Art Policy are approved.

Personnel Committee Report

No update

Policy Committee Report

Policies deferred to September Meeting.

Director's Report

- July Statistics Report: Circulation and total visitors were both up despite 7th Avenue being closed after July 12. Month to month comparison of stats makes more sense in our current situation. The Board is interested in insight into drivers of why stats may be up or down.
- New Building Project update: As of August 6, 2021, the project is currently estimated to be under budget. Turn key date is projected to be January 11, 2022. Move in will happen in a phased strategy.
- Staff Updates: Recruitment for Deputy Director will begin in the next couple of weeks.
- MLN Updates: Bill has met virtually with CRPL and HPL Directors and will meet in person next month.

Board Continuing Education

None

REGULAR AGENDA

COVID Update

City of Marion is strongly urging staff and visitors to City owned properties to wear face masks.

ADJOURN

Moved by Robinson, seconded by Moomey, to adjourn at 5:37pm.

Approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by:
Kimberly Cowger, Administrative Assistant