



# MINUTES

## Library Board

5:00 PM - Monday, December 13, 2021

City Hall 1225 6th Avenue

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The Library Board of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 5:00 PM, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Sally Reck, Susan Kling, Jack Zumwalt, Sandy Rosenberger, Okpara Rice, Eileen Robinson, Seth Moomey, Cara Briggs Farmer, Nancy Miller, Chelsa Nunn

ABSENT: Kim Rose, Ross McIntyre

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Carroll, James Teahen, Kimberly Cowger, Amy Geiger, Sue Gerth, Dawn Cline, Jackie Tracey

FRIENDS REP: Bonnie Raasch

GUESTS PRESENT: Les Kapler

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Briggs Farmer, seconded by Kling, Motion to approve agenda as presented.  
Approved unanimously

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

### PUBLIC FORUM

No comments

### LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

Presented by Library Director

Congratulations to Chelsea and Ross who are now full voting members of the Board.

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Moved by Rice, seconded by Kling, Motion to approve the November Meeting minutes.  
Approved unanimously

## **REPORTS**

### Friends of the Marion Public Library Report

The Friends are now holding their Saturday book sales every Saturday and will continue as long as they can until the new Library opens. The Children's book sale on November 13th raised almost \$3,000 for DPIL. The partnership with Morning Story restaurant netted the Friends \$1,160 in donations.

### Marion Public Library Foundation Report

There is \$224,510 left to raise for the building Capital Campaign. The Direct Mail campaign that went out at the end of November has already had 16 responses with over \$4,000 in donations.

### Art Advisory Committee Report

No update

### Personnel Committee Report

No update

### Policy Committee Report

- December Policies deferred to January Meeting.

### Diversity Audit Presentation

Sue Gerth shared the results of the Diversity Audit done on our collection. MPL's collections were compared to national averages, and strengths and areas of opportunity to expand holdings were noted.

### Director's Report

- Statistics Highlights--Circulation is up when compared to November 2020, this is due to the Uptown location being closed for 2 weeks last year.
- Budget Update--An initial meeting with the City Manager about improvement packages went well. The hope is that an increase in pay will help with retention of front line staff.
- New Building Project Update--Turn key is still set at February 18th.
- General Department Updates--Our new Programming Manager starts on December 20th.
- Library Art Holdings Update--We have some leads on hopefully finding a new home for the *Tombleread* sculpture.
- MLN Updates--There are talks of possibly resuming library services to Palo residents.
- COVID Update--No changes.

### Board Continuing Education

Nothing to report

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- New Building finish samples were made available for viewing and Q & A
- Temporary locations discussion and possible action--With low usage and lack of accessibility to the Technology Center at the Marion Columbus Club, Bill suggest we close this location in mid-January and move 4 computers to our Uptown Library Branch.

Moved by Robinson, seconded by Rosenberger, Motion to discuss terminating our lease with the Knights of Columbus Club and relocating technology services to the Uptown 7th Avenue location.

Approved unanimously

- Art Donation discussion and possible action--We will likely be approached with many art donation requests, many Board members agree that we should secure an independent consultant to help us decide what art goes in the new Library. Bill will do some research on consultants and come back with a recommendation for the Board to vote on.
- Memory bench donation discussion and possible action--Kelly Peterson's family has asked about donating a memory bench in Kelly's honor. We will check with Shaun Kelly on placement of memory benches, Bill will come back with additional information.
- Board training scheduling discussion--The State Library rep recommends a Saturday training. Bill will bring back suggested dates for the beginning of February.

## **ADJOURN**

Moved by Kling, seconded by Moomey, to adjourn at 6:19pm

Approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by:  
Kimberly Cowger, Administrative Assistant