



MINUTES

Library Board

5:00 PM - Monday, October 9, 2023
Library, 1101 6th Avenue

Minutes are in draft format until approved at the next meeting

The Library Board of the City of Marion, Linn County, Iowa met on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 5:00 PM, with the following members present:

PRESENT: In Person: Sally Reck, Susan Kling, Sandy Rosenberger, Okpara Rice, Kim Rose, Eileen Robinson, Nancy Miller
Via Zoom: Ross McIntyre

ABSENT: Jack Zumwalt, Seth Moomey, Cara Briggs Farmer, Chelsa Nunn

STAFF PRESENT: In Person: Bill Carroll, James Teahen, Sue Gerth, Ashley Osborn, Kylee Pusteoska
Via Zoom: Kimberly Cowger

FRIENDS REP: Jan Dickinson

GUESTS PRESENT: Nick Tharalson

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 Rosenberger, seconded by Rose, to approve the agenda as presented.
Approved unanimously

LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

September Staff Milestone Anniversaries--20 Years of Service: Kimberly Cowger

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments from the public.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the September Meeting minutes.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Rose, to approve the September Meeting minutes with the correction of one typo.
Approved unanimously

REPORTS

Friends of the Marion Public Library Report

- Jan Dickinson reported the Friends Makers Market was successful in raising \$5,500 for BookMobile materials.
- November 17th-19th will be the next Friends Book Sale.

Marion Public Library Foundation Report

- Nancy Miller reported for Amy Geiger. Several grant requests are currently out.
- A year end appeal will go out for the Foundation soon.

Art Advisory Committee Report

- No update

Finance Committee

- Committee met in October to discuss FY25 Budget Planning.

Personnel Committee Report

- No updates

Policy Committee Report

- October Policies will be reviewed next month

Director's Report

- Statistics Highlights--After November 10th we'll be able to compare statistics from the previous year.
- Budget Update--Revenue received for the FY has jumped from 2% - 27%.
- New Building Update--There was a delay in the sink shrouds being manufactured by Barnes Manufacturing. Barnes is now finalizing manufacturing.
- Bookmobile Project Update--The BookMobile is now expected to be completed at the end of January/early February 2024.
- General Department Updates--MPL Newsletter has started going out again, the first issue had an open rate of just over 30%.
- MLN Updates--Bill Carroll served on the interview panel for the new Hiawatha Public Library Director. Internal candidate Chris Stoner was chosen as the new Director.

Board Continuing Education

- None

REGULAR AGENDA

- Approval of Library Holidays for 2024 calendar year
- Strategic plan update--Our Strategic Plan Community Forum is set for Wednesday, December 6th, 4-7pm. Invitations to community members will need to go out from the Board Members that recommended them, Board Members agreed.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Kling, to approve the 2024 Library Holidays as presented.
Approved unanimously

ADJOURN

Moved by Rosenberger, seconded by Rose, to adjourn at 5:34pm.

Approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by:
Kimberly Cowger, Administrative Assistant