ROLL CALL: President Sedrel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustees Present: Kathi Borron, Jon Leyen, and Amanda Michael. Also present: Library Director John Lerdal, Councilman Leonard Murray, and Marjorie Best-Peterson.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: LEYEN/MICHAEL moved to approve the agenda. All ayes.

APPROVE MINUTES: LEYEN/BORRON moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022 meeting. All ayes.

PUBLIC INPUT: Leonard Murray requested the Library look into getting access to archived Des Moines Register files.

CONSENT AGENDA: MICHAEL/LEYEN moved to approve bills from December 15, 2022 through January 26, 2023 in the amount of $13109.89 and meeting dates of February 23, 2023 and March 23, 2023. All ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:
Open Library Position: Four applications for the Library Technician position have been received so far; will interview all of them next week.

Library Programs: Program attendance has gone up a lot. Adult programs are the most desired thing right now based on the recent city survey. Would like to join with Parks and Rec for an additional Story Walk. Marjorie Best-Peterson discussed the programs currently going on, which include: children’s program, BEAR reading challenge, story time, craft time, special speakers, and summer kickoff with Parks and Rec. April will be the Story Walk kickoff. She is hoping to start other programs that include: middle school tween book club, ramp up teen age group programs, read book and watch movie event, buddy reading program with high school student that could be used for honor credits, board games, and a murder mystery group. For adults she discussed bringing back Best trips, which include trips to Pella, Boone Boon Scenic Railroad Ride, and the Davenport Art Museum, Celebration cruise in Moline, and a potluck. They are discussing broadening the age group for BEST trips to 50 and over. Marjorie also discussed having afternoon craft and chat times.

City Survey: Lerdal handed out the first sheet of the survey. Candace Bell will be at February’s Board meeting to give an in-depth summary of the results. The library ranked highest among city departments in terms of satisfaction. Most cities saw a drop off in satisfaction and we did not. The only lower scores were around online programs and adult programs.

OLD BUSINESS:
   a. Library Budget: There have been multiple workshops with City Council for this year’s budget. There is still the consensus to fund an Assistant Director position. With the current inflation rate union contracts are still on the table.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Welcome Kathi to the board. Kathi is also interested in helping with library programs. Kayla is doing great, has great ideas, and is enthusiastic. I am going to apply for a Prairie Meadows grant soon. The request will be for funds to purchase a Maker Space cart and items related to STEM programming. I would like to have a survey of library users sometime soon.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:
   a. Prairie Meadows Grant
   b. Candace Bell presentation of survey results
   c. Library position
   d. Budget
TRUSTEES’ COMMENTS:
   a. Kathi Borron: happy to be here.
   b. Jon Leyen: When are the interviews?
   c. Amanda Michael: none
   d. Vanessa Sedrel: Thank you Jon for leading the last meeting. Welcome Kathi

ADJOURNMENT:
LEYEN/MICHAEL moved to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Lynette Fadden
Recording Secretary