



Grand Forks & District Public Library  
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## Grand Forks Public Library Association 2018 Annual General Meeting

March 6, 2019, 7:00 pm

Cari Lynn Gawletz	William Pritchard	David Rostek	William Caley
Michelle Mallette	Ben Gawletz	Elise Rimbey	Yelena Churchill
Michelle Boyd	Ralph Russell	Katy Livingston	Les Johnson
Kay Barnfield	Don Stavenjord	Dirk Vander Kooy	
Katherine Borse	Rosie Butterfield	James Elliott	
Cheryl Ahrens	Dave Butterfield	Brian Taylor	

### Agenda

#### 1. Call to Order; Welcome, Introductions and Comments

Mary Kierans called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. She welcomed the membership, and introduced the board members, staff, and Friends of the Library.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept agenda as presented (William, James – Carried).

#### 3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM

Motion to accept minutes as presented (Ben, Kay – Carried).

#### 4. 2018 Financial Statements

Statements were presented by David Rostek. The membership accepted the Financial Statement as presented. (William C., Yelena – Carried).

- William Caley asked why we don't agree to a higher lease payment to help the City of Grand Forks as it is in poor financial shape following the flood. Answer: The amount is tied to building expenses and they are consistently lower than \$13,000
- Kay asked what the \$13,000/year paid for the lease agreement includes. Answer: maintenance of the building shell, including plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and roof, as well as outdoor maintenance such as gardening and snow removal.
- Michelle Mallette asked how often the lease is negotiated, as the last lease was only for one year and she was concerned about long term planning. Answer: the short lease term was related to the flood. The meetings to renegotiate a lease term were scheduled during the heat of the flood, so Cari asked the City if they would approve simply rolling it over for another year without meeting at all, which the City readily agreed to.
- William Caley asked if the library's good financial standing puts funding from local governments in a dangerous position. Answer: We don't expect it to. We are always



spending on budget. This year's numbers were particularly skewed as we received a few bequests and did extensive fundraising towards the washroom renovation project.

5. 2018 Annual Report: Library Director

Cari Lynn Gawletz presented the Annual Report. The membership accepted the Annual Report as presented. (James, Ben – Carried).

6. Board Chair Report: Mary Kierans

Mary presented the Annual Report. The membership accepted the Board Chair Report as presented. (Katy, Yelena – Carried).

7. New Business:

None.

8. Results of Election to Board of Trustees: Michelle Boyd

There was no election. Michelle Boyd welcomed our continuing trustees by acclamation.

The 2019 Board consists of: Mary Kierans, Michelle Boyd, David Rostek, Ralph Russell, William Pritchard, Katie Mitchell, Cheryl Ahrens, and Chris Jonat.

Mary announced that Elise Rimbey would be retiring from the Library Board, and thanked her for her 6 years of service to us.

9. Announcements:

- Mary announced that the library has reached our fundraising goal of \$84,000 for the washroom renovation project, and outlined the plan for moving on to the next step.
  - William Caley asked if the library would be publicly thanking the donors . Answer: there will be some form of formal donor recognition for the project.

10. Questions & Comments from the floor

Questions from the floor:

- William Caley thanked the Board for their service.

11. Closing Comments

Mary thanked everyone for attending the meeting and invited them to stay and mingle afterwards.

12. Adjournment

8:06 (Ralph, Michelle Boyd)