



Board Meeting May 22, 2019 Minutes

Guests: Fiona Clement, Sadie Mitchell, Jolene Mitchell

Present: Cari Lynn Gawletz, Mary Kierans, William Pritchard, David Rostek, Chris Jonat, Cheryl Ahrens, Katie Mitchell

Regrets: Ralph Russell, Michelle Boyd

Call to order: 10: 10AM

Acceptance of Agenda (Cheryl, David – carried)

Minutes: 17 April 2019 Minutes **(Chris, Cheryl – carried)**

Correspondence:

Delegations / Announcements

Reports

1. Financial Report (attached) **(David, Cheryl – carried)**
2. Librarian's Report (attached) **(Cheryl, Will - carried)**
3. Kootenay Library Federation (KLF) Report
4. Friends of the Library Report
5. BC Library Trustees Association (BCLTA) Report

Old Business

1. Conferences

Cari attended several conferences in Surrey the week prior to the meeting, including the ABCPLD meeting, the BCLA conference, and the BCLTA summit. Cari said that there is improved momentum to appeal to the BC government for increased library funding in 2020. Mary said that she would like to write a letter on behalf of the library Board to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services Consultations for the Budget 2020 before their June 28 deadline. The Board agreed that this was a good idea. Cari also said that besides discussing funding and rural library visibility, the main takeaway from the conference was that the library would begin to use Project Outcome, which is a free program evaluation tool that provides meaningful statistics following library programs which we can use for advocacy, internal planning, etc.

Mary and Cari both attended the BCLTA conference. The major discussion at this conference was the push for improved funding from the province.

2. Lease Agreement

Cari met with City staff to propose rolling over our current Maintenance Agreement for the building at the same rate for a three year term. The City of Grand Forks was fine with this, and so Cari and Mary will go ahead and sign the paperwork to finalise it next week.

3. Fundraising

The grant application for \$4500 from the Phoenix Foundation was approved. Cari has already contacted the City to set up ramp installation to the meeting room door, and will have the new door installed shortly.

4. Summer Reading Club

We received approval for a Young Canada Works grant for a Summer Reading Club Assistant. Cari noted that there will be a greater focus on reading at this year's SRC than there has been in recent years. All registration will be done online this year, after having many requests for this service in recent years. Patrons who cannot register online may still register by phone or in person.

New Business

1. Building Contract

Motion: To enter into a contract with Plan B Contractors to complete the Washroom Renovation Project. (Chris, Cheryl - carried)

Motion: To include the purchase and installation of a water fountain in the Washroom Renovation Project. (William, Katie - carried)

The Board formally thanked Michelle, William, and Ralph for their hard work on this project.

Questions from the public:

Fiona asked if the washroom construction will affect the Summer Reading Club. Cari said that it will as we may not have meeting room access and we won't have public washrooms, but that it shouldn't last beyond the first week of the SRC.

Adjournment 11:02