

Board Meeting Minutes December 18, 2019

Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 7 p.m., at the Library

| Item | Responsible | Action |
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| <p>Call to Order 7:06 p.m.</p> | <p>Wally</p> | <p>Present: Wally Bergen, Kay Mackenzie, Bruce Hutchinson, Lorraine Doiron, Lisa Feinberg, Jennifer Wickham, Dan Mesec, Jim Pojar, Paul Parry, John Buikema, Wendy Wright Regrets: Bernice Szydlik</p> |
| <p>Acknowledgement of Territory</p> | <p>Wendy</p> | |
| <p>Welcome New Board Members</p> | <p>Wally & Board</p> | <p>Jim Pojar & Bernice Szydlik</p> |
| <p>Adopt Agenda</p> | <p>Wally</p> | <p>WB Motion: To adopt the agenda with addition of Patron Challenge: MAUS Seconded: PP Carried</p> |
| <p>Adopt Consent Agenda</p> | <p>Wally</p> | <p>JW Motion: To adopt the minutes of the November 20, 2019 regular meeting Seconded: DM Carried</p> |
| <p>Correspondence</p> | <p>Wally</p> | <p>Letters from Town of Smithers re: 1. Trustee appointments and terms, and 2. Approval of application of \$7,000 surplus to 2019 budget.</p> |
| <p>Business Arising from Minutes 2020 Municipal Funding Request</p> <p>Strategic Addenda</p> <p>New Library-Gallery Project</p> <p>BCLTA Board Training: “Brilliant Ideas”</p> <p>Library Director Appraisal</p> <p>CULC Letter re: eBook Access</p> | <p>Wally/Bruce</p> <p>Wally</p> <p>Wally</p> <p>Wally/Wendy</p> <p>Wally/Kay</p> <p>John</p> | <p>Wally, Dan and Wendy presented the Board’s proposed budget to Council in early December.</p> <p>Wally, Kay and Wendy will continue to draft strategic priorities for discussion at the January Board meeting.</p> <p>Thank you to all the volunteer musicians, bakers and organizers and SD54 who donated their time or space to present a wonderful classical and jazz benefit concert for the new Library-Gallery at the Della Herman Theatre. The concert grossed over \$1200 (\$878 net). Special thanks to visiting pianist Dr. Jelena Vladikovic who came up with the idea. The Smithers Interior News covered the concert and published a photo of fundraising children in the December 17 paper. More donations and verbal commitments towards the project have been received.</p> <p>Wally and Wendy will prioritize the topics consisting of: Facility Planning; Regional District Engagement; and Board discussions, feedback mechanisms and succession planning for discussion at future Board meetings.</p> <p>Completed. BH Motion: To amend the Library Director’s contract to run from January 1-December 31 instead of May 1-April 30. Seconded: PP Carried</p> <p>Town of Smithers Council has endorsed the letter re: eBook access and sent a signed copy to CULC.</p> |
| <p>New Business Treasurer’s Report</p> | <p>Bruce</p> | <p>Wally reported on a meeting with the accountant, bookkeeper and Director to clarify the balance statement and various surplus schedules. Wally will speak to the Town about giving a presentation at the February Library Board meeting. LD Motion: To accept the December 2019 Treasurer’s</p> |

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| Friends of the Library Report | Lorraine | <p>Report Seconded: PP Carried</p> <p>Donations of books have already begun accumulating for the fall 2020 book sale.</p> | |
| Northwest Library Federation Report | Kay | <p>Melissa Sawatsky is resigning from her role as Federation Director effective March 31. The hiring committee will begin their search for a new Federation Director shortly.</p> | |
| Library Report | Wendy | <p>WB Motion: To accept the Director's Report Seconded: PP Carried</p> | |
| Patron Challenge: MAUS by Art Spiegelman | Wendy | <p>This Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir of the author's father, a Holocaust survivor, is told in graphic novel style. It was challenged on the basis that a patron found its cover art offensive. Wendy discussed the work with the patron and their family. The book will be retained in the collection and the challenge is considered resolved.</p> | |
| Adjournment | 8:45 p.m. | Wally | |
| Next Meeting | Wally | Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the Library | |