

**Winnipeg Public Library Board meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012 - 5:00 pm
Millennium Library – Buchwald Room**

MINUTES

Present: R. Burgess, J. St. Hill, V. DePape, J. Mabee, J. Kovalik-Plouffe, S. Bezan, J. Mabee, D. Chung, D. MacEwan, B. Zuk, A. Hoefl, R. Walker, Councillor R. Eadie, Councillor J. Browaty, T. Surgenor, I. Michalchyshyn, e. mackenzie
Regrets: K. Shwaluke
Absent: S. Green

- 1. Call to order** Rita Burgess called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm
- 2. Approval of Agenda** Jean Mabee moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Kym Shwaluke, carried.
- 3. Approval of December 5, 2011 minutes:** under reports: MLTA is working on a session for the MLA conference. Motion to Approve by Bill Zuk, seconded by Bill McDonald, carried.
- 4. Introductions**
Rita Burgess reintroduces the reappointed members, and introduces the new members, Jeff Kovalik-Plouffe (present), Sarah Bezan (regrets), and Susan Green (absent).
- 5. Matters arising from the minutes**
 - a. New MLTA Representative** – Douglas MacEwan is going into his last year, and has been a very capable representative. Rita Burgess is also leaving the MLTA, and so the WPLB is looking for someone to be with Douglas over the next year. David Chung has volunteered to be the new representative. The MLTA has been given a grant to allow for conference calls. Their AGM is in February, and is in Portage la Prairie. The rest of the meetings will be by conference call.
 - b. OLA Conference** – Jacqueline St. Hill is no longer able to attend the OLA conference. It will be discussed at next Executive meeting and the board will be apprised of what the decision is. Rick Walker informs the board that the two staff attending the OLA conference can report on it.
- 6. Reports**
 - a. Chair** - Jacqueline St. Hill and Rita Burgess are attending a Chamber of Commerce and Literacy Partners breakfast award ceremony on literacy achievement on January 10, 2012. Library staff will be in attendance as well. A report will be made at the next meeting.

Rita Burgess acknowledged Iyvan Michelchyshyn on his quiz in the Winnipeg Free Press. He does a year end quiz for the paper every year.

Rita Burgess also thanked the board members, and mentioned that the last two years have been a very insightful and enjoyable experience.
 - b. Treasurer** – Al Hoefl was away and Eryn Mackenzie did not make a report at the January 9th meeting. It was noted that the WPLB is receiving a \$20000.00 advance on their grant, which is helpful for the first quarter.
 - c. Executive** –Rick Walker and Trevor Surgenor met with Jacqueline St. Hill and Rita Burgess to explain how the province works in funding the library. Further to this meeting, the Chair

and Past Chair will be meeting with the Minister for Culture and Heritage sometime in the near future.

The Board and LAC orientation is being held Saturday March 3rd, 2012, from 9 am – 1 pm.

- d. **Community Outreach** – The preparation for the Language and Literacy Grant mail out is taking place on January 26th at Millennium Library. At the next meeting, the CO Committee will be looking at alternatives for the JMCO grant. Rick Walker has given some ideas, and if anyone else has ideas, please let the CO committee know. At this point, Rita Burgess asked WPLB members to consider which committees they would like to be on. A list of committees will be sent out to board members.
- e. **Manager of Library Services** Jean Mabee asked Rick Walker about the painting that was housed at the Fort Garry library. Rick Walker confirmed it was being moved to Upper Fort Garry and that they are excited to receive it. The history of the painting, which is possibly by V. A. Long, was discussed.

Rick Walker confirmed for Bill Zuk that *Setting Lake Sun* is available in e-book format. Eryn Mackenzie will reimburse Bill Zuk for the purchase.

Westwood Library is not on the table for being moved. It is a wish for the people of the area that it be moved to a more accessible location.

Douglas MacEwan mentioned that McNally Robinson now has a printer on site for people to self-publish books. Rick Walker is not aware of any public libraries that are doing this. Bill Zuk mentioned that two Maritime University libraries have them.

- f. **Public Library Services** – Trevor Surgenor announced at the meeting that the Province is funding the Red River library in Selkirk. It has been under development for 10 years, and is to replace the undersized library currently there. It will be a new development on Manitoba Ave, and be about 1700 square feet. After finishing his report, Mr. Surgenor offered to answer questions from new members.
- g. **LACs**
 - i. **Assiniboia** – A meeting was held recently to discuss the fall event, which was very successful. The LAC partnered with an existing programming on the site, Westwood Library, which helped to ensure there would be participants. Douglas MacEwan is sending the 2012 meeting dates. The new branch head at St. James is doing really well. River Heights, Westwood and Charleswood all have new branch heads, too.
 - ii. **City Centre** – The City Centre LAC meet on December 8th, 2011. The Chair, Ken Bass, finished his last year, and Lisa Petite has resigned. They have decided the money received from the WPLB will be split between the four branches to use as they see fit. Al Hoeft is replacing Satyendra Singh as board representative and Michael Keenan is the acting chair until March.
 - iii. **EK –Transcona** – Have not met yet.
 - iv. **Lord Selkirk – WK** – At the last meeting, the Lord Selkirk – WK LAC discussed people's concerns with the new Hold System, where books are now out in public, wrapped in paper, with name, filed alphabetically. There were concerns about privacy and vulnerability to theft. Rick Walker mentioned that he understands the concerns, and stated that it is a very common method around the country. He felt that it is an issue in WK because it's just been revealed there. He offered to any LAC, if there is a concern that comes up, to please bring it up at a meeting, such as what's bothering people about it, or any suggestions. Rick Walker can provide responses that have

been used, and can distribute the responses to the WK LAC.

- v. **Riel** – Meeting on January 23rd, 2012 at Pembina Trail
- h. **Books2Eat (ad hoc ctte)** – Plans for the 2012 Books2Eat are coming along. Books2Eat is being held on Saturday March 31st, 2012, from 1:00 – 4:30 pm. There will be a children's activity, speakers and an edible book competition with youth 14 & under, adult and culinary school categories. The real push on publicity is beginning of February with posters, etc., along with what the library usually does. Everything at the event will tie into resources available at the library.
- i. **Manitoba Library Trustees' Association (MLTA)** – A phone conference call was held on December 12th, 2012. The MLTA would like to change the rates paid to libraries. It is an old formula, and they would like it raised and reviewed every 5 years. They are also looking for a special rate for mailing books. The MLTA Strategic Plan is being discussed on January 16th. The Website is being worked on. The nominating committee is working on getting new members. The AGM notice is going out this week.
- j. **Strategic Plan** – There is a lot happening in the Strategic Plan for 2012, such as reviewing the role of the Community Outreach Committee and the Board By-Laws. The Executive Committee will be providing updates as things progress.

7. New Business

- a. **Nominee's introductions** – As past chair, it is Vernon DePape's role to take care of an election for the board. There are five nominations and nominations can also be taken from the floor. If there is an election, Rick Walker is the vote counter. The nominations are Jacqueline St. Hill as Chair, Al Hoeft as Vice Chair, Jean Mabee as Member at Large, and Kym Shwaluke as Treasurer.

Chair: Vernon DePape asked if there were any other nominations for the position of Chair. There were not. Jacqueline St. Hill was declared elected as chair of the WPLB. Jacqueline St. Hill said a few words about herself, indicating she has been Vice Chair for past year, and was the Member at Large the year prior. This will be her fourth year on the Executive Committee. Jacqueline St. Hill was instrumental in starting the Books2Eat festival, and worked with Atarrha Wallace on finding the new administrative assistant. She is the board rep to the Riel LAC and a member of the Community Outreach Committee. Her main interest really is in literacy efforts. The library represents a place for people to be at their best. She feels there is a connection between it and the people she works with at her job. The library affords people opportunities otherwise not necessarily available. Jacqueline St. Hill has always appreciated library staff, and working with the board has increased that appreciation.

Vice Chair: Vernon DePape asked if there were any other nominations for Vice Chair. There were none. Al Hoeft was declared elected as Vice Chair. He was away and will be asked for remarks at the next meeting.

Member at Large: Vernon DePape asked if there were any other nominations for Member at Large. There were none. Jean Mabee was declared elected as Member at Large. Jean Mabee said a few words about herself. She has been on the board for five years, and chaired the Community Outreach Committee for 4 years. Through the Community Outreach, she has sat on the selection Committees for both the Language and Literacy Grants, and the Jack Montgomery Award. She agrees with Jacqueline St. Hill that literacy is very important.

Treasurer: Vernon DePape asked if there were any more nominations for Treasurer. There were none. Kym Shwaluke was declared elected as Treasurer. Kym Shwaluke said a few words about herself. It is her second year on the board, and previously was on the EK –

Transcona LAC, of which she is now the board representative. She has worked with Jean Mabee on the JMCO committee, and was on committee to select new administrative assistant, as well. She has been a Chartered Accountant since 2003.

- b. Motion regarding signing officers for RBC account** – Vernon DePape moved that the signing authorities for the bank become the new Chair, Jacqueline St. Hill; Vice Chair, Al Hoeft; and Treasurer. Kym Shwaluke, seconded by Bill MacDonald, carried.
- c. Acknowledgement of departing members** – Rita Burgess wished all of the departing members, Dr. Satyendra Singh, Bill McDonald, Atarrha Wallace and Vernon DePape, well. Those who were present were invited to say a few words.

Bill McDonald enjoyed his experience on the board, and said he has never sat on a board with people who are all on the same page when it comes to literacy and reading. Thank you for the opportunity. The book he chose as his donation to the library was *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. An architect that he knows, who B. McDonald declared was the only person he knows who knows Formula 1 Racing and dogs, lent him the book, warning him to read the end alone. B. McDonald said that he, his wife and five Formula 1 racing friends all cried at the end. He is donating it to the Henderson Library. R. Burgess thanked B. McDonald for all his time and advice on advocacy over the years.

Atarrha Wallace chose *The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick DeWit. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time on the board. The Aboriginal needs assessment project was great, and hiring the new assistant was a good experience. She is leaving for other projects and travel. She asked that *The Sisters Brothers* be donated to the River Heights library branch.

Satyendra Singh had previously left the board in October, due to other commitments. He chose *Gandhi's Experiments with Truth: Essential Writings by and about Mahatma Gandhi*, edited by Richard L. Johnson, which was donated to the Osborne Library.

Vernon DePape chose *Winnipeg Beach: Leisure and Courtship in a Resort Town* by Dale Barbour. Rita Burgess told the board that five of Vernon DePape's years on the WPLB have been on Executive Committee. He is very committed and done a number of things over the years. He headed an invaluable review of the LACs, as was a good resource for granting and moneys. Vernon DePape followed by saying it has been a real opportunity to be part of the board. He had been looking at opportunities to do volunteer work, and it was interesting to come up with references for his board application. One of them came from his son, which was important to him. He wished to thank three groups, the City Councillors, Rick Walker, and the past and present WPLB members. He felt that Rick Walker is truly a professional person, who runs a wonderful library system, and is doing a great job. He further said that Rick Walker always really listened to what the WPLB has to say, and took the opportunity to act on things, and has the library system at heart. To the WPLB members he said that it really is a group effort, everyone is a part of it, working hard to achieve something. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to work with all of you.

8. Other Business

- a. Board Schedule for 2012 – being resent

9. Date and Location of Next meeting

Monday, February 6, 2012, Munroe Library Info will come out in regards to location.

10. Adjournment Vernon DePape moved to adjourn.6:30 pm