

**Winnipeg Public Library Board meeting  
Monday, September 10, 2012 - 5:00 pm  
Millennium Library, Buchwald Room**

**MINUTES**

In Attendance: Councillor Browaty; Jeff Kovalik-Plouffe; Iyvan Michalchyshyn; Jean Mabee; David Chung; Kym Shwaluke; Bob Foster; Joan Blakley; Jacqueline St. Hill; Rick Walker; Trevor Surgenor; eryl Mackenzie and Corie Seburn

Regrets: Councillor Eadie; Bill Zuk; Douglas MacEwan and Mark Baragar

Guests: Peggy Walshe, Libraries in Transition & Theresa Lomas, Administrative Coordinator of Virtual and Information Services

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.
2. **Approval of agenda** – **Iyvan Michalchyshyn** moved to approve the agenda and **Jean Mabee** seconded the motion. Carried.
3. **Approval of June 4, 2012 minutes** – **Jean Mabee** moved that the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted as distributed. Seconded by **Kym Shwaluke**.
4. **Introductions of new board members** – Jacqueline St. Hill welcomed the new board members to the meeting.
5. **Guest Peggy Walshe**, gave a report on Library Information and Reference Services Study. Jacqueline St. Hill acknowledged Teresa Lomas' comments at the beginning and thanked Peggy for her work on the study and for her presentation.
6. **Acknowledgement of eryl** – A presentation was made to eryl and the Board thanked her for the time she has served as the Administrative Assistant for the Library Board.
7. **Reports**
  - a. **Chair** – Jacqueline St. Hill welcomed everyone back from the summer break she mentioned the park and public art openings. She also noted that open houses for St. John's and Cornish Library were held and she was able to attend the St. John's Open House. Commented on the issue of Federal Library cuts. As a member of CLA, the WPLB is on record sending a letter to the Culture minister voicing concerns. Interlibrary loans (ILL) may be impacted potentially. Library and Archives Canada will be working on options. If there is an impact locally I hope that we can respond. Rick Walker noted that in the Reference Study, Peggy Walshe highlighted that if Library & Archives Canada stops that service, the users will shrink even more, and

create more questions on the value of the ILL service.

- b. **Treasurer** - Kym Shwaluke distributed an updated financial report. She reported that everything is on schedule. She reviewed the LAC funding. She reported that she is starting to look at preparing the budget for next year and asked volunteers to assist. Jeff Kovalik-Plouffe and Jacqueline St. Hill will sit on the committee and fix a time with Corie Seburn.
- c. **Executive** - Jacqueline St. Hill reported that the main news is that there are three new members on the Board. There will be a need for a new group photo. New members will also have individual photos taken and a short bio will be put on the website. She also reported that the Board office needs to be vacated. At this point Rick explained that a social worker has been hired full time, to provide support to the public and staff training.

LACs – there were some vacancies. At this point, we will wait for regular City process. Next instalment to the WLF has been made and an invitation has been sent out to invite a representative to a presentation at the next meeting. Ilyan Michalchyshyn asked how to streamline the LAC process. Rick Walker will enquire to see if there is any latitude with that reference letter process.

- d. **Community Outreach** – Jean Mabee reported that there is a meeting this Wednesday at 5:00 at St. Boniface. She invited new members. Committee is in flux, two grants, Jack Montgomery Community Outreach Grant guidelines are being revised right now. Language & Literacy Grant guidelines are being reevaluated as well.
- e. **Manager of Library Services** – See attached report. Rick Walker thanked the board's support on the studies and library initiatives over the years. Jean Mabee asked what was happening with the kiosks. Rick Walker responded that the company the WPL was interested in dealing with seems to have been having some issues, so have chosen to hold off. Jeff Kovalik-Plouffe asked what was done differently this year to see such an increase in the Teen Reading numbers. Rick Walker reported that the higher numbers were a result of more marketing, more social media presence, and prizes.
- f. **Public Library Services** - Trevor Surgenor reported that accessibility resources has been consuming a lot of time. Visual Impaired Resource network will be heading out to Brandon to help with consultation. Launched streamlining some ILL, used to use Maplin, now called FILL. It's an open source tool. He also reported that his department has undergone a reorganization within structure. Recreated a webtraining suite in their office. He reported that they will be shifting some technical services over to staff training. Library and Archives Canada feels it is something to be concerned about. There have been a lot less library and archives over the years. Mentioned the National Union Catalogue. Jacqueline would like to set up a meeting with Trevor to speak further with him about this. He reported that he was excited to hear of WPL's successes with the Summer Reading Program. It was also successful throughout other areas of the Province.

Trevor gave a short description at this point for the new members of what it is he and his office do.

- g. **LACs** - Jean Mabee is awaiting a report, Riel meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. EK met on June 6, next meeting is scheduled at the end of September, down to 2 members.
- h. **Strategic Plan** – Jean Mabee briefly explained the Strategic Plan.

## **8. New Business**

- a. **Canadian Library Month** – Next month, October. There will be a number of activities going on. Volunteer opportunities will be coming up, please consider these when you receive emails about this.
- b. **CLA Conference** – Coming up in May 30 – June 2 here in Winnipeg. There will be a lot of volunteer opportunities, plus not having to cover airfare and accommodations may create a few more opportunities to participate. First time held in Winnipeg in about 10 years.
- c. **Breakfast with Bookmates** - Did receive an invitation from Bookmates. They've held this event a number of years, now. The date this year is October 10 at Viscount Gort hotel, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Jacqueline St. Hill would like to send 2 -3 members. MC is Joan Kelly, guest speaker is Ron Blatz, and early childhood educator advocate.

## **9. Other Business**

### **10. Date and Location of Next meeting**

Monday, October 1, St. Boniface Library, 131 Provencher Blvd

### **9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn 7:35 pm – moved by Jean Mabee**