

**Winnipeg Public Library Board meeting
Monday, March 4th, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.
Buchwald Room - Millennium Library**

Minutes

In Attendance: Iyvan Michalchyshyn, David Chung, Orest Kinasevych, Councillor Eadie; Bill Zuk, Councillor Browaty, Luc Lewandoski, Joan Blakely, Jeff Kovlik-Plouffe, Jacqueline St. Hill, Rick Walker, Trevor Surgenor via conference call and Corie Seburn

Regrets: Bob Foster, Reesa Cohen and Benoit Gosselin

Guest: Joan Thomas, Writer-in-Residence

1. Call to order

Bill Zuk called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Presentation: Joan Thomas, Writer In Residence

Rick Walker introduced Joan Thomas, Winnipeg Public Library's Writer-in-Residence. He reported that Winnipeg Public Library has celebrated 25 years of the writer-in-residence program. He mentioned that Joan was a previous On the Same Page selection for her book "Reading by Lightening". Joan thanked the board for inviting her to the meeting and she indicated that her report was sent out prior to meeting. She also reported that she personally used the writer in residence program when she wrote her first book and she uses the Millennium Library a lot to research ideas for her writing. Joan reported that she had her 96th writer logged and she shared that a 10 year old student was brought to see her by their teacher and the 10 year old is an amazing writer for his age. She also reported that there are quite a few elderly writers who are interested in writing their memoirs. Joan reported that this has been a great learning experience for her. Joan reported that she has just finished her 3rd novel and she is now waiting to hear back from her publisher. Joan reported that she will be hosting a workshop and there are 20 people registered which is the max for the workshop. She also reported that she assists writers throughout the province and comments are usually sent via email. She reported that approximately 5 – 10% of manuscripts that she receives come from various parts of the province.

Rick Walker asked if Joan had any suggestions for improvements to the program and Joan suggested that the first few weeks can be challenging due to the number of submissions waiting for the writer-in-residence. She indicated that she would be willing to write some guidelines/suggestions to pass on to the incoming writer-in-residence in order to help them with the transition.

Rick Walker thanked the Library Board for their financial support for this program.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Joan Blakely Seconded: Councillor Eadie

That the agenda be approved as distributed.

CARRIED.

4. Approval of February 4th, 2013 Minutes & January 7th, 2013

Motion: Iyvan Michalchyshyn Seconded Luc Lewandoski

That the minutes from both the January 7th and the February 4th meetings be approved as distributed.

CARRIED.

5. Reports

- a. Chair B. Zuk
Bill Zuk reported that Luc, Orest, Jacqueline; Joan and Jeff attended the Orientation session on Saturday, March 2nd. He indicated that he is looking at taking the presentation on the road to LAC meetings. Bill reported that we need to fill LAC vacancies so spread the word.
- b. Treasurer B. Foster
Jeff reported that all three signatures are now on file and the signing authority will take effect in 3 -5 days.
- c. Community Outreach B. Zuk
Bill Zuk reported that the Executive Committee agreed to look into advertising in the community newspapers. A news release for the Language and Literacy grants was prepared we had hoped it would hope to generate a news article but that has not happened. He indicated that we would like to purchase some advertising space.
Motion: Luc Lewandoski Seconded: Joan Blakely
That the board be approved to spend up to \$500 to advertise in the community newspapers.
Carried.
It was also suggested that news release be sent to all Councillors.
Orest Kinasevych will discuss some website ideas with Lyle Penner about web page hits.
- d. Manager of Library Services R. Walker
Rick Walker distributed his report. Trevor Surgenor asked if there are evaluations done by the users of the Writer-in-Residence service and is it a valued service? Rick Walker will look into this matter.
CLA Conference – If you are interested in attending please send an email to Corie with information on when you would like to attend. This will be discussed at our meeting in April.
- e. Public Library Services T. Surgenor
Public Libraries Advisory Board (PLAB) has introduce the appointees – Karen Adams – U of M; get names from Rick
Election of Chair and Vice-chair
Trevor reported that there is a competition out for a position in Brandon.
- f. LACs Board Reps.
Riel LAC is meeting in March. The next meeting for Lord Selkirk/West Kildonan is in June and the Assiniboia LAC meets tomorrow.

6. New Business

- a. Books2Eat J. St. Hill
The event will be held April 6th. Jacqueline reported that April 1st is the deadline to confirm the submissions. The poster is on library website and should be posted in branches. Spread the word. Jacqueline reviewed the presenters for the event and asked board members to watch for the call for volunteers which will be sent out shortly.
- b. Recognition of Former Mayor B. Zuk
B. Zuk reported that we had received a request from LAC member to consider a naming opportunity for former Mayor Bill Norrie. The Executive Committee discussed this suggestion and recommended that we look at naming the meeting room at Louis Riel Library. The request will be sent through SPC on Protection and Community Service. The committee members discussed that maybe something more needs to be recommended – like an actual library. Councillor Eadie and Councillor Browaty suggested that they speak to their colleagues and the Mayor to see what ideas they may have. Bill will send the current proposal to Councillors.
- c. Library History Project B. Zuk
Bill Zuk reported that the Library Board has conducted reports and studies every 2 years for the library system. Last one was the information and reference study which has taken lots of work to implement the recommendations. He reported that we meet at libraries every other meeting and the Branch Head has always given a report and the history of the branch. Bill Zuk reported that in discussion with Rick Walker it would be a great idea to look at telling the story of the history of WPL. The timeline for this would be to release the book/memoire in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of St. Johns & Cornish libraries.

Ilyvan M. suggested that we could approach several libraries systems to see if they have done something similar and that we would need to look at the budget for this project. Trevor S. suggested that we might be able to partner with Manitoba Library Association. The committee concurred that a centennial legacy project is a great idea. It was also suggested that money could be allocated from the budget over the next few years. Bill Z. will discuss this suggestion further with Rick W. A committee would then be struck to go through a budget exercise for the project.

7. Other Business

- a. Appointment of Auditor B. Zuk
Need to review proposals. The Executive Committee will review and bring a proposal to the next meeting.
- b. Hiring of Bookkeeper B. Foster
Bill Z. will speak to Bob F. when he returns from vacation. Several recommended bookkeepers were given to Bob F.. This item will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting and they will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

8. Date and Location of Next meeting

Monday, April 8th - Osborne Library – 625 Osborne Street

9. Adjournment

Motion: Jacqueline STH Seconded: Jeff KP
That the meeting be adjourned at 6:56 p.m.