

Winnipeg Public Library Board meeting
Monday, June 4, 2012 - 5:00 pm
Cornish Library, 20 Westgate

Regrets: Councillor Browaty, Jeff Kovalik-Plouffe, Sarah Bezan, Councillor Ross Eadie
Present: Jacqueline St. Hill, Iyvan Michalchyshyn, Jean Mabee, Bill Zuk, Trevor Surgenor, David Chung, Kym Shwaluke, Rick Walker, Douglas MacEwan, Eryn Mackenzie

Guests: Cornish Branch Head, Rick Watkins; Reference and Library Services Study conductor - Peggy Walsh

1. **Call to order 5:01 pm**
2. **Approval of agenda** Bill Zuk moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Iyvan Michalchyshyn, carried.
3. **Approval of May 7, 2012 minutes** Bill Zuk moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jean Mabee, carried.
4. **Branch Head, Rick Watkins** – Rick Walker gave some background on the Cornish Library, which is coming up to its 100th anniversary in 2015, and is a Carnegie Building. R. Walker then introduced Branch Head Rick Watkins, who gave his report, (will be attached in final draft).
5. **Guest Peggy Walshe, Focus Group**
Rick Walker reintroduced Peggy Walshe and the one hour focus group occurring this evening.
Peggy Walshe met with the selectors again, and went over the difference in technologies since the last study, and what has been implemented since then. Feels what is happening in the Millennium Library Park is amazing and that Rick Walker should put his name forth with the ALA or CLA for an award. She met with library staff today for the first session, discussing the three themes of Image of the library and services, information formats and vehicles, and impact of the information all from the users' perspective. There were no quiet moments, with lots of ideas and input, and lots of awareness expressed. She is now looking to the WPLB, and other focus groups, because the board represents informed public, not just the board. Peggy then led the board members through an engaging focus group. Peggy moves on to looking at virtual services in the library, and doing a public focus group tomorrow evening.
6. **Reports**
 - a. **Chair** - Jacqueline St. Hill reported on the conference dinner. She, along with Bill Zuk, Douglas MacEwan, Rick Walker and Trevor Surgenor, attended and were able to watch Rita Burgess receive her Volunteer award. She also watched a presentation on *Unshelved*, and online comic strip relating to libraries. Bill Zuk circulated a report on the conference. He focused on the technology based sessions. Felt it was very well received and has heard a lot of positive feedback.
 - b. **Treasurer** - Kym Shwaluke reported that there is no report due to having unplanned absences. She added that the Writer-in-Residence selection will be on June 25.
 - c. **Executive** – The Board has a number of vacancies. Jacqueline St. Hill sent a letter to City Clerk's re: interim appointments. She did receive a response, and was able to look at City Clerk's applications, and will be getting back to Jo-Ann Park tomorrow with her recommendations. The Executive Committee is obviously concerned about

continuity, and will be asking board members and LACs to look at new members. The current LAC situation will remain as is, and will hopefully be brought up to full capacity in the regular time. J. St. Hill hopes to meet with the new appointees, if any, prior to the fall meeting. There are no meetings this summer, but there will be library board business ongoing throughout the summer. J. St. Hill and Eryn Mackenzie will be speaking shortly to see who will still be around.

- d. **Community Outreach** – Bill Zuk reported that of the \$3000.00 available for the L & L Grants, only two applicants were successful. It has been decided and agreed upon that each will receive \$1500.00.

Number two is the JMCO – in play since 2004. This past year there were no suitable proposals, so the Community Outreach Committee has proposed a Writer's program, as Jack Montgomery was an avid reader and author, himself. There is currently \$10000 available, so the possibility of starting a trust for the program, or starting out with a bigger initial program, are under consideration. Jacqueline St. Hill reiterated that the program will still maintain the focus of bringing people, especially non-users, into the library. The Exec view is that this is consistent with the mandate and builds on something the library already does. Bill Zuk and Rick Walker will be discussing logistics, such as what role the committee will play. B. Zuk felt that the Committee would have a subcommittee that would then solicit recommendations. Don't want it to detract from the libraries' existing programming. Something will hopefully be lined up with Canadian Library Month.

Ilyan Michalchyshyn made a motion that the Board accept the Community Outreach Committee's proposal that they redirect the vision of the JMCO and further change the name to The Jack Montgomery Writers' Program. Douglas MacEwan seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

- e. **Manager of Library Services** – (Will be attached in final draft)
- f. **Public Library Services** - Trevor Surgenor was in Ottawa to attend the CLA conference. The program was excellent, and he will be happy to submit a couple of paragraphs.

There was a WPL session regarding technology. The opening keynote was Danielle Kraun. The library community was interested in what he had to say due to what is happening at Library Association of Canada (LAC). Donna from MLTA was at the Conference, too, and met with Merv Tweed and James Bezan. There were two interesting resolutions passed at AGM – one was the structural change, library accessibility was the 2nd resolution. LAC did a project on open access, taking a soldier from WWI and following him through his life, to show how aggregating all this information is useful. It seemed like there's a lot of energy behind the library community right now.

g. **LAC reports**

- i. **Riel LAC** – Jacqueline St. Hill reported that the Riel LAC met on May 14th at Louis Riel. There was a small turnout, but a good meeting. There will be an adult book club created for Louis Riel Branch. She advised the LAC members of the current study, and spoke about membership for LACs and boards. Many people are coming to the end of their terms on Riel LAC. Some members gave positive feedback on Books2Eat. No questions about the amalgamation were raised. The next meeting date is September 17 at St. Boniface.
- ii. **EK – Transcona LAC** - Kym was not able to attend the meeting.
- h. **Manitoba Library Trustees' Association (MLTA)** - David Chung reported that there was a phone conference. The design of the website has been successful so far. There will be a meeting after the summer holidays.

- i. **Strategic Plan** - Jean Mabee reported that working on mandate of the Outreach Committee is a current task in the plan, and part of it deals with the JMCO. Jeff Kovalik-Plouffe and Jean Mabee will be meeting with Rick Walker to come up with a new survey. R. Walker is providing a copy of the old survey to them. The survey will hopefully be done prior to the meeting with the mayor, and Jacqueline St. Hill added that this will help inform what the board is meeting with the mayor about.

7. New Business

Farewell to departing members – none of the departing members were able to attend the meeting, but Sarah Bezan had left a note that Eryn Mackenzie read aloud to the present members. Rita Burgess wants a book that is not being published until the fall, and Al Hoeft is donating his book *Red, Hot and Righteous: a History of the Salvation Army*, to the Millennium Library. Rita Burgess will be attending the October meeting, and the board will figure out an appropriate parting gift for her, as well.

8. Other Business

Bill Zuk, the Language and Literacy grant recipients need their certificates, and their cheques will be written soon.

9. Date and Location of Next meeting

Monday, September 10, Millennium Library, Buchwald Room
Douglas MacEwan will not be attending.

9. **Adjournment** Jean Mabee moved to adjourn at 7:41 pm. Bill Zuk seconded the motion.