

Winnipeg Public Library Board meeting
Monday, June 10th, 2013
Sir William Stephenson Library – 765 Keewatin Street
MINUTES

In Attendance: Bill Zuk; Reesa Cohen; Joan Blakely; David Chung; Iyvan Michalchyshyn; Councillor Eadie; Councillor Browaty; Jacqueline St. Hill; Bob Foster; Trevor Surgenor; Rick Walker and Corie Seburn

1. Call to order, welcome, housekeeping

Bill Zuk called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

2. Guest – Andrew McCulloch, Branch Head

Rick Walker introduced Andrew McCulloch to the committee members and Andrew reported the following information about the branch:

- It opened in 1997
- The naming of the library was done through a naming contest with school children
- The library has an original Leo Mol sculpture of Sir William Stephenson
- Now have a new neighbor – The North West Access Centre which is located to the West of the library and they are great partners.
- Bill thanked Andrew for his report

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Jacqueline Seconded: Joan
That the agenda be approved as distributed.
Carried

4. Approval of May 6th, 2013 Minutes

Motion: Reesa Seconded: David
That the minutes from the previous meeting be accepted as distributed.
Carried.

5. Reports

a. Chair

CLA Conference - Reesa, Joan, Bill, Jeff and Jacqueline attended the conference. Reesa shared a report she had written about the sessions she attended. She noted that she attended an advocacy boot camp and that session was exceptionally well done. She also passed along a book to Bill written by Huw Williams on Government Relations for Canadian Associations which identified issues in today's libraries.

Jacqueline reported that the Key note speaker who spoke on digital rights was very interesting. She also attended sessions on the trustee's network; advocacy; ebooks; board development and use of public space in libraries. She reported that the person who led the session on Canadian copyright was very knowledgeable and the session

- He indicated that we are prepared to support the first two requests but we would need more information on the 3rd request

Motion: Joan **Seconded:** Reesa

That we approve the Kate Vermett program proposal for \$500.00 and the Author Readings proposal of \$750.00.

Carried.

4. Preliminary reports on 2012 Language and Literacy Grants

- Coming due – end of June
- Have received one report to date.

d. Manager of Library Services

- Rick distributed his report which will be sent out with the minutes.

e. Public Library Services

- Trevor reported that 3 of his staff will receive the Manitoba Service Excellence award. The function will be held at the convention centre. The three staff members are: David Christianson; Will Enns and Denise Weir
- A new municipal library consultant has been hired and they start on June 17th
- Public Library Advisory Council – Councillor Eadie, Rick and Trevor sit on committee and the next meeting is scheduled for June 26th. He indicated that citizens can give their comments on library use via website.
- Susan Fraser of the Friends received the Manitoba Library Association Award in the volunteer category.

f. LACs

Board Reps.

- Reesa reported that she attended City Centre Library Advisory Committee meeting. She indicated that several items were raised:
 - Writing of the history project needs wider promotion and date that the proposals are due should be extended.
 - The Chair of LAC asked for clarification on when the funds are released to the LACs and as chair does she have right to spend as she feels – Reesa reviewed the protocols and procedures with the chairs as outlined in the orientation manual.
- Joan reported the following:
 - Assiniboia LAC will be providing cake and treats for Lego related event. Westwood library asked if our programs could be advertised at the electronic signs at city pools. Rick indicated that if it is the Cindy Klassen Recreation complex that they are referring to it is already our sign and we program it. He also noted that we now have electronic signs in some of branches. Rick also noted that we are looking at a sponsorship opportunity for Millennium to have broadcasting capabilities/webcasts on a video screen in the lobby area.
- David reported that the LS/WK LAC will meet next week.
- Riel – will try to contact member to arrange a meeting.

Plans are in the works to temporarily close the St. James Library before the end of the year to replace flooring and relocated the front counter. The non-fiction collection will be relocated to the second floor from the stack area sometime this summer.

2. St. Vital Celebration & Open House

Just a reminder that on Tuesday June 11, 2013 from 4-8 p.m. the St. Vital Library is hosting an open house to hear from the public their ideas for renovating and improving the library. All Board members and local LAC members are welcome to attend and provide their input.

3. CLA Conference – All Delegates Social

Just wanted to thank the Library Board again for their support of this year's CLA Conference -0 All Delegates social event. Over 230 people attended the event and we heard extremely positive comments from many of the delegates that attended.

4. Kidsfest

The Library had another excellent year at the Kidsfest event. Over 500 festival goers came through the WPL tent, and the library gave out over 300 bags of library information. The staff had many questions from the public about summer reading, e-books, WPL app, Suggestions for Purchase, etc. In addition to library staff, two teen from the Millennium Youth Advisory Council participated in the event.

5. St. Vital Library

We are working with the City's Historical Building Officer on a heritage designation for the St. Vital Library. St. Vital Library is 50 years old and has unique architecture characteristics. A researcher will determine its heritage features and the Historical Building Committee will rate the building based on standards criteria before determining its designation.

6. WPL Annual Report

The Library is working on its 2012 Annual Report for release in September. This report provides an overview of the year's activities in the library as well as the activities of the Board, the Friends and the Winnipeg Library Foundation.

7. Winnipeg Community Infrastructure Grants

The Library is in the process of preparing a number of grant applications under a new province program – Winnipeg Community Infrastructure Program. Applications are being considered for a second phase project at Fort Garry Library, Lighting improvements at Millennium, Increased accessibility at Sir William, Pembina Trail and Louis Riel Libraries, and renovations to the St. Vital Library.

8. Social Planning Committee Video

The Library is working with the Social Planning Council on a new video in their "Penny" series about a homeless person and the struggles they encounter on a daily basis. This one will focus

on the resources available from the library and the library's elimination of barriers to make it easier to get service.

9. Overdrive E-Book Service

We are working with our major e-book vendor on separating the site from the ELM portal. AS a result of new rules from the publishers, we can no longer offer this e-book service through a consortia portal. This will not affect service to our customers, but will result in a separate site on the library website.