MISSION STATEMENT: "TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO RESOURCES TO MEET THE EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, INFORMATIONAL AND LEISURE-TIME NEEDS OF CITIZENS OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS. THE LIBRARY STRIVES TO FOSTER A LIFE-LONG INTEREST IN READING AND LEARNING."

## Minutes - Board Meeting, February 18, 2021 7:00 p.m. – Winkler Meeting Room or Zoom

Council Reps: Marvin Plett, City of Winkler; Gary Hiebert, City of Morden; June Letkeman, Rhineland Municipality; Curt Letkeman, Town of Altona; Chad Collins, Municipality of Pembina, Heather Imrie, R.M. of Thompson

Citizen Reps: Susanne Sigurdson City of Morden, Sharon Fehr, Municipality of Pembina, Marilyn Dyck, Rhineland Municipality, Norma Thiessen, Town of Altona, Emma Montgomery, City of Winkler Director of Library Services: Cathy Ching

Regrets & Absent: Jody Oakes, R.M. of Thompson, Bernie Loeppky, R.M. of Stanley, Ray Unrau, R.M. of Stanley

Call to order: 7:01

- 1. Additions to and adoption of the agenda: Strategic planning, Covid funds June/Heather m/s/c
- 2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting: January 21, 2021- Susanne, Curt m/s/c
- 3. Business arising from the minutes: Request for Service form good as is
- 4. Correspondence:

FR: Morden Area Foundation - Interest income payout

- 5. Committee Reports:
  - 5.01 Finance Financial Report January 2021 (yellow) Sharon/Garry m/s/c General reserve deficit (Garry) this will be adjusted upon completion of 2020 audit.
  - 5.02 Statistics January 2021 (*blue*) Cathy noted gate count is actual holds pick-up & not patrons using the library as we are still shut down
  - 5.03 Personnel / Policy:
  - 5.04 Public Relations / Fund Raising: Donation Link need to put a disclaimer on the site to indicate where the fee is going
  - 6.05 Facilities/Automation: Altona Branch Curt- relocation is on hold until fall. Either way mall location is higher visibility and larger space
- 6. SCRL Reports January 2021 (purple) a special thank you from the employees to the Board for the new jackets and cardigans. Cathy noted how many technology items were able to be purchased through various emergency grant programs. Morden Area and Miami & Area Foundations were instrumental in granting the funding to purchase tablets, iPads and other equipement.



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7. New business: 2020 Annual Report – approved – recommend a copy of the 2019 report be included in the Council packages so they can compare between the two years. Despite the library closures circulation remained high – Marvin. It is a positive thing to see when so many other libraries are under threat of cutbacks or closures

SCRL Strategic planning – Feb 2020 minutes – on hold until fall. Cathy will prepare a file for each branch indicating the needs & will continue to collect information. Need to determine the mandate of the strategic plan. Marvin had a copy of WRL 5 goal plan 2020-2024.

Covid funds – Marvin – if it fits the criteria it should be taken out of the Covid funding. Staff development & training should be part of the Covid fund.

Chad – empower Cathy to spend on what it needed with a defendable approach. If we spend all of the Covid funds then it goes to show how much it was needed.

8. Next meeting – March 18, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.– Winkler Branch – Audit Meeting

Marvin Plett, Board Chair

Cathy Ching, Director of Library Services