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Minutes- Board Meeting, September 16 2021

7:00 p.m. – Winkler Meeting Room or join Zoom Meeting

Council Reps: Marvin Plett, City of Winkler; Gary Hiebert, City of Morden; Chad Collins, Municipality of Pembina; June Letkeman, Rhineland Muncipality; Ray Unrau, RM of Stanley;

Citizen Reps: Sharon Fehr, Municipality of Pembina; Bernie Loeppky, RM of Stanley; Jody Oakes, RM of

Thompson; Susanne Sigurdson, City of Morden, Emma Montgomery, City of Winkler

Director of Library Services: Cathy Ching

Regrets & Absent: Heather Imrie, R.M. of Thompson; Curt Letkeman, Town of Altona; Marilyn Dyck, Rhineland Municipality; Norma Thiessen, Town of Altona;

- 1. Call to order: 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Additions to and adoption of the agenda: Covid protocols, Sept 30th close Sharon/Emma/msc
- 3. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting: June 17, 2021 June/Gary/msc
- 4. Business arising from the minutes:

5. Correspondence:

- TO: Honourable Cameron Friesen, MLA
- FR: Tara Braun, Constituency Assistant
- FR: Honourable Cathy Cox, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage
- TO: MCC (Mennonite Central Committee)
- TO: Honourable Candice Bergen, MP Portage-Lisgar
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- FR: Canada Revenue Agency

6. Committee Reports:

- 6.01 Finance Financial Report August 2021 *(yellow)* –note change in Covid income should have been \$36,000 not \$46,000. Right on target for the year Sharon/Suzanne/msc
- 6.02 Statistics August 2021 (*blue*) new patron registration up due to people not wanting to be without access to online resources or contactless pick-up if we have to close again
- 6.03 Personnel / Policy: Report & recommendation LTD/Employer obligations Personnel committee presented new policy to be included in Personnel Policy Manual Jody/Gary/msc
- 6.04 Public Relations / Fund Raising: Miami book sale raised over \$3200.00. SCRL will no longer be holding the big sales but have smaller ones in each community, partnering with community events.



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6.05 Facilities/Automation: Altona Library – A major fund-raising campaign will soon start for an eventual move to a new location.

- 7. SCRL Reports August 2021 (purple) Summer reading summaries lots of programming. Disappointment that libraries could not open in July so the children's programs were only 2 ½ weeks. Cathy reported on a meeting regarding the library's space in the old Variety building.
- 8. New business: Winkler Heritage Society Room Proposal by Winkler Branch Administrator. Marvin noted City Council will need to have input into what happens to the Heritage Society if they need to relocate.
 - September 30th all branches will be closed to recognize the new Truth & Reconciliation Day
 - Jody asked what SCRL policy will be regarding unvaccinated employees. Concerns were raised about SCRL choosing what was implemented and what was not. We need to continue to follow Provincial guidelines. Library mandates are usually vague & leave a lot to interpretation. Cathy keeps in touch with a MB Libraries group to compare what each are doing regarding patrons and services.

9. Next meeting – Finance Meeting – Morden Branch – October 21, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Marvin Plett, Board Chair

Cathy Ching, Director of Library Services