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Minutes - Board Meeting – May 8, 2023
Altona Library Room – 6:30 p.m. or via Zoom

Council Reps: Chad Collins, Board Chair, Municipality of Pembina; Marvin Plett, City of Winkler; Garry Hiebert, City of Morden; Cheryl Dueck, Town of Altona; Hank Froese, Rhineland Municipality; Donna Cox, R. M. of Thompson

Citizen Reps: Sharon Fehr, Municipality of Pembina; Laverne Siemens, Town of Altona; Marilyn Dyck, Rhineland Municipality; Jody Oakes, R.M. of Thompson; Bernie Loeppky, R.M. of Stanley (Zoom)
Cathy Ching, Director; Rachael Friesen, Altona Branch Administrator

Regrets: Bob Giesbrecht, R.M. of Stanley; Wes Hildebrand, City of Morden; Emma Montgomery, City of Winkler

Public: Don Fehr, City of Winkler

1. Call to order: 6:33 p.m.
2. Additions to and adoption of the agenda: **Garry / Hank m/s/c**
3. Adoption of minutes of previous meetings as amended – March 20, 2023 – Personnel/Policy Review Meeting Minutes; March 20, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting; March 20, 2023 – Personnel Meeting; April 17, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting. **Cheryl / Jody m/s/c**
4. Business arising from the minutes: Letter to the City of Winkler will be drafted. Will include what steps have been taken over the past months to address concerns. (Policy reviews, guest speaker Jim Turk from the Centre for Free Expression, reviewed challenged material twice, moved one challenged book, etc.) Discussion on the timeline of events/challenges to fill in attending board members. Questions were asked and the Chair & Board provided historical information on the ongoing situation. Miscommunication may have been a problem in Councils moving forward. Chad reminded everyone that our policies are designed to help with the exact calls for actions by the group. They just need to follow the proper processes which are already in place to deal with book concerns by parents.
5. Committee Reports:
 - 5.01 Finance: Financial Report April (green) – attached. Financials are at 33% YTD. **Sharon / Garry m/s/c**
 - 5.02 Statistics: April (*blue*) – attached – patrons are using our libraries in greater numbers from all municipalities.
 - 5.03 Personnel / Policy: Fines & Fees – processing fee - New Fines & Fees Policy G. 5 adopted. **Sharon / Marilyn m/s/c**



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- 5.04 Public Relations / Fund Raising: Donations - \$550 donations accepted over the last month to SCRL (not the individual branches) Donations made by random people from across Canada, as well as our patrons.
- 5.05 Facilities/Automation: Meeting Room rate – Winkler Branch – adjust the Winkler Room Rate to \$100.00 per day, \$75.00 for 3 hours or less, and \$50.00 for rentals with a Charitable organizational number. Policy No. F.1 **Marvin / Donna m/s/c.**
6. Branch Reports – April – all 5 Branches received Green Team funding - \$2500.00 per branch. Altona is happy with the big move to the mall. Gate count is higher than the Morden Branch now. Rachel is very excited for the business of the branch. Rachael stays busy with the website and programming. Manitou – Chad reported that the Pembina Municipality is contributing \$10,000.00 to the Manitou Branch renovations.
7. Correspondence:
TO: CIBC Phil Wallace
FR: Morden Area Foundation – Interest Income from investment
TO: Trevor Surgenor (PLS)
FR: City of Morden Council
FR: Honorable Andrew Smith – Multiple letters indicating Green Team funding (5 Branches)
FR: Pat & Randy Neuman/Al Schritt – local patron support
TO: Honorable Andrew Smith
8. New business:
8.01 Banking update – table to June meeting – investigate further.
8.01.1 News Articles (CBC, WFP) – SCRL was positively represented – patron support showed in all branches & staff are rejuvenated by it.
8.01.2 Delegations – couple of requests recently – general ask to come and talk about policy concerns and request to talk open dialogue and transparency (safety concerns). Discussion about whether we need to hear the same thing again. This is part of the “bombardment” campaign. Don – when does it become harassment?
9. Adjourn at 9:14 p.m.
10. Next meeting – Monday, June 12, 2023 - Manitou at 6:30 – space is limited

Chad Collins, Board Chair

Cathy Ching, Director