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South Central REGIONAL LIBRARY

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Minutes – Council Meeting – November 18, 2024 Winkler Library Meeting Room – 6:30 p.m.

Council Reps: Chad Collins, Chair, Municipality of Pembina; Garry Hiebert, City of Morden; Cheryl Dueck, Town of Altona; Hank Froese, Rhineland Municipality; Bob Giesbrecht, R.M. of Stanley (outgoing); Jon Goertzen, R.M. of Stanley (incoming); Ron Rothwell, R.M. of Thompson; Marvin Plett, City of Winkler (sitting in until after the bi-election)

Citizen Reps: Sharon Fehr, Municipality of Pembina

Director of Library Services: Cathy Ching,

1. Call to order: 6:31 p.m.
2. Additions to and adoption of the agenda: Stanley Concerns, Rhineland Concerns, Letter from Altona – **Marvin/Jon m/s/c**

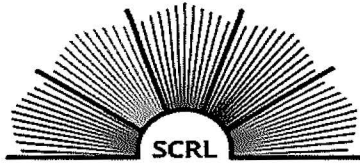
2025 Proposed Budget Concerns –

- Why such a large Programming increase – cost analysis shows we have less than \$1.50 per person to run programs for all SCRL in 2024.
- OverDrive increase – SCRL is obligated to pay a flat rate as part of the consortium & our patrons are the biggest users in the province and need to contribute more
- Different rates - rates are the same for all municipalities if you remove the \$1.70 per capita rent, paid back to the branch locations
- Overdraft/Line of Credit – not allowed according to the Public Libraries Act
- Reserve – need to rebuild it over time as it was mostly depleted several years ago – can use the reserve to cover the first payroll in 2025 if necessary
- 60th Anniversary fund request – some councils felt it was not necessary
- Query at to whether other Councils approve the 7.65% increase in the budget
- Cathy & Sharon to send a letter to outline proposed payment schedule and rationale for the request for advance payment.

3. Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 p.m **Hank/Ron m/s/c**

Chad Collins, Board Chair

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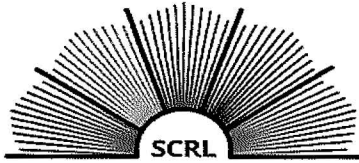
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Citizen Reps: Sharon Fehr, Municipality of Pembina; Jody Oakes, R.M. of Thompson; Bernie Loeppky, R.M. of Stanley

Regrets: Laverne Siemens, Town of Altona; Marilyn Dyck, Rhineland Municipality; Wes Hildebrand, City of Morden

Director of Library Services: Cathy Ching,

1. Call to order: 7:30 p.m.
2. Additions to and adoption of the agenda: Bob / Garry **m/s/c**
3. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting: September 9, 2023; October 29, 2024 (Finance) Jody / Cheryl **m/s/c**. Motion for the South Central Regional Library Board to accept the proposed budget as presented. Hank / Garry **m/s/c**
4. Correspondence:
 - TO: J.M Smith & FP Chartered Professional Accountants.
 - TO: Councils (funding)
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 - FR: Mayor Harv Schroeder, Town of Altona (+ inclusions to M. Plett 2018/2019) – **Tabled to January 2025**
 - TO: Mayor Harv Schroeder and Town of Altona
 - FR: Rhineland Municipality
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 - TO: Gislason Targownik Peters (termination letter)
5. Committee Reports:
 - 5.01 Finance: Financial Report October (green): attached. MEBP will get sorted out with the accountant and Raina. Sharon / Cheryl **m/s/c**
 - 5.02 Statistics: October (*yellow*): We are already ahead of circulation and gate count than at this time last year. Circulation is up 6.05%.



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- 5.03 Personnel / Policy: Wage Proposal – increases, holiday request (FTE, 3 weeks after 1 year, year 6 + 2.5 days, and year 8 + 2.5 days = 4 weeks. Additional vacation time would not cost Board anything extra. Personnel committee to review vacation payout criteria at the next meeting.
- 5.04 Public Relations / Fund Raising: Grants & Fund-raising to date – 2025 = 60 years of SCRL – Gala Fundraising Event. Quiz Night – March 2025. BIG Event!
- 7.05 Facilities/Automation:
6. Branch Reports – October 2024 – (blue) – Branches are noticing people have more health & wellness concerns (homelessness) and try to be as accommodating as possible. Perhaps more education on local services.
 7. New business: 2025 Dates (draft attached); Motion to adjust the meeting dates to reflect 1 meeting in each of the branches (Miami, Manitou, and Altona)
 8. Meeting Adjourned at 843 Hank / Ron: m/s/c
 9. Next meeting – January 13, 2025 - Morden Branch Meeting Room.

Chad Collins, Board Chair

Cathy Ching, Director