

Central Manitoulin Public Libraries
Thursday, April 7th, 2011
MINUTES

Present: Linda Noble, Gloria Haner, Adam McDonald, Fern Patterson, Linda Allen, Jane Wright, Claire Cline

Absent: Dorothy Gordon, Diane Chmielak, Pat Young, Perry Anglin, Sandra Strong

Guest: Erin Smith – Administrative Assistant/Municipality of Central Manitoulin

#17-11 Motion: Gloria Haner & Fern Patterson

That we accept the March minutes as distributed.....cd

#18-11 Motion: Fern Patterson & Gloria Haner

That we accept the monthly financial statement as distributed.....cd

Our guest speaker, Erin Smith – Administrative Assistant came and spoke to the board about fundraising ideas and how her group raised a substantial amount of money towards new playground equipment in Mindemoya. Some of the activities they did to raise funds were yard sales, a blitz at Foodland asking for donations and a New Year's Dance. Dinners, such as a spaghetti dinner that could be held at the community hall or at the curling rink or a "no dinner just cheques" were discussed as well as a bottle drive or a bake less bake sale. She stated using Facebook was a great help in advertising, as well as flyers.

Several board members felt that many people would rather just make a donation instead of baking or working at an event. Also it was suggested that certain groups be approached when they are having a fish fry or other event to see if they would be willing to donate proceeds to the library addition. Linda Allen is going to approach Nan Buie, who does some of these events and ask if her group would be willing to donate their proceeds.

Sandra Strong is the boards Vice Chairperson.

Our Chairperson Linda Noble spoke about the challenges facing the board concerning grants for the library addition. It is very hard at this time to find money out there but it was suggested that we have our application roughed out and ready to go so that when funds become available we are ready. Also we must keep "funders" updated perhaps monthly so if any funds become available they will think of us. It is suggested that we need to raise from 30 to 50%, so we are off to a good start.

Council is in agreement for the library board to erect a thermometer/stack of books sign to show the progress in obtaining funds. Fern Patterson will contact Dorothy Gordon about a sign.

Claire has received several summer student applications; last day to receive them is April 20th.

Chairperson Linda Noble and Linda Allen as well as Claire will do the interviews. Jane Wright will be the alternate if Linda Allen cannot attend.

Claire will contact Marjatta Asu, consultant from OLS-N to come to the boards September meeting.

Past webinars are now available online and can be viewed at the board member's convenience.

Motion to adjourn by Linda Noble at 2:20pm.