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Central Manitoulin Public Libraries

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Wednesday, March 1st, 2012

BOARD MINUTES

Guest: Reeve Gerry Strong & Councillor Derek Stephens

Present: Linda Noble, Gloria Haner, Sandra Strong, Dorothy Gordon, Fern Patterson, Jane Wright, Linda Allen, Diane Chmielak, Claire Cline

Absent: Penny George, Patrick Kiley, Adam MacDonald

#15-12 Motion: Dorothy Gordon & Fern Patterson

That the board approves the further cuts of the 2012 library board budget, a total of \$1,050., and will submit it again to council for their approval.....cd

#16-12 Motion: Fern Patterson & Diane Chmielak

That we accept the February minutes with noted changes. (Motion #14-12 should have read Jane Wright & Adam McDonald – That Diane, Linda Noble and Claire go over the Budget to see where cuts could be made..cd) (Also inter-library loan to be discussed at the next meeting-March was omitted in body of minutes.)

#17-12 Motion: Dorothy Gordon & Sandra Strong

That we accept the monthly financial statement and cheque register.....cd

#18-12 Motion: Dorothy Gordon & Fern Patterson

That the library board is in favour of having the IT tech program continue, with the same IT technician, every Wednesday for two hours at the Mindemoya library for a total cost of \$3,888.00 to cover from April 1st 2012 until December 31st, 2012.....cd

The board welcomed our newest board member, councillor Derek Stephens although he will not be officially appointed until the council meeting Thursday night, March 8th. The board appreciated him coming to this meeting and his input during the meeting.

The library received an email from the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries stating that they had a random draw of 5 non-member libraries serving populations less than 5,000 and to offer them free memberships for 2012 and our library name was drawn. This will give our library time to decide whether we would like to continue the membership in 2013.

The stats for 2011, patron usage of both libraries, show a substantial increase both at the Mindemoya and the Providence Bay library.

The board has decided the tech services offered to patrons on Wednesdays at the Mindemoya library should be continued. For the past two years, covered under a grant, seven island libraries have had this service for their patrons as well as service for the numerous computers and other electronic machinery that had problems. Although the grant is finished at the end of March, several of the libraries have decided to continue this service including Central Manitoulin. This service will be offered in Mindemoya on Wednesdays from 10am to 12 noon.



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Claire gave a presentation concerning inter-library loan procedures.

A small policy committee was formed which will include Jane Wright, Linda Allen, Derek Stephens, the chair and CEO. Claire will be receiving sample policies for small libraries from OLS-N in the near future.

Fundraising efforts are going well. A sample flyer was distributed and a capital campaign, as well as forming a Friends of the Library to raise money was also discussed. Board members were asked to try to think of a different big money event that the library board could put on to raise funds for the addition. A fundraising committee meeting will be held in the next couple of weeks.

An address by the 2nd chair concerning board members joining the board with hidden agendas and purposes was discussed. If a board member misses a meeting or is late for a meeting, they should come after the meeting is over and find out what they missed or if they have questions they need answers for. We should be concentrating on the overall running of the library, not the day to day procedures which are handled by the CEO/Chief Librarian.

Board member Jane Wright stated she has a DVD that she received from OLS-N concerning a webinar class that was about Board Governance and she is willing to lend it to any board member that would like to see it.

The board accepted Board Member Gloria Haner and Adam MacDonald's resignation from the board with regret.

The board also accepted with regret chairperson Linda Nobles' resignation. Many of the board members were very sorry to see Linda leave our library board. She has done so much work on grants that we have applied for in order to build our addition. All her work is very much appreciated and although we understand her reasons we hate to see her leave the library board.

It will be decided at April's board meeting who will be the new chair as well as 2nd chair and if we will be replacing all three board members.

Motion to adjourn by Diane Chemielak 3:10pm