

MEETING OF THE RENFREW PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD: MINUTES

Date & Time: May 21st 2019 at 5pm

Location: Renfrew Public Library Program Room

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Members Present: Margaret Maloney, Donna Clark, Jane Donnelly, Kelly Thompson (CEO), Heather Dale, Christin Miller, Andrew Evan (Councillor)

Regrets: Lynda Janney (Chair)

Guests: n/a

2. Consensus Agenda

- The Agenda
- Minutes of the Renfrew Public Library Board Meeting from April 16, 2019
- CEO/Library Activity Report of Apr/May 2019
- Monthly statistics April 2019 and Google stats

MOTION: Moved by Donna Clark and seconded by Jane Donnelly that the Consensus Agenda be accepted. Carried.

3. Conflict of Interest: N/A

4. Financial Statement

- A. Monthly financial statement for April 2019
- Final budget figures are still in draft mode as budget has not been approved yet

MOTION: Moved by Christin Miller and seconded by Jane Donnelly that the Financial Statement for March be accepted. Carried.

- B. Addition of signatory for library accounts - follow up
- Kelly to call BMO to set up appointment and confirm what is required to add signatory. She will be in touch with signatories to follow-up
- C. Closure of secondary library account
- Need to close the Scotiabank account
 - Currently using Bank of Montreal
 - Kelly to call the bank to see how to close without Lynda

D. Update on municipal budget

- Meet on Thursday night, special meeting at 630, hopefully have a budget by Friday
- Andrew said it would be adopted on the following Tuesday
- May need to have another meeting for any changes

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

A. Program Building

- John McIntyre and Tom Webster were in to look through the program building
- Classified as an assembly building
- Trying to figure out if architectural drawings or design drawings are required
- Might be able to use design drawings to apply for grant, and use grant money to afford architectural drawings

6. New Business

A. Advocacy and update on provincial cuts

- OLS North has reversed the decision on interlibrary loans, however NO funding has been restored, just cuts are happening in other areas
- SOLS has been silent on what is happening thus far
- There is still another 25% to cut
- Delivery service is stopped, not the whole programs (but how we use the program)
- 23 drivers lost their jobs
- So far, the southern Ontario libraries have not engaged in loaning materials
- People have asked why we can't just mail - it is estimated that without the reimbursement and using the shipping tool, it would be an approximately \$4000 extra for this library in shipping and labour costs
- Worried the book rate might be raised with Canada Post (current \$1.33 - \$2.13)
- Other libraries have discussed doing it ourselves, but this is not a feasible model
- More people have become vocal about the issues (8 pages of signatures from our library alone)
- Many patrons are very upset about this issue
- Waiting for an update from SOLS
- Kelly in Toronto June 13 OLPA Meeting

B. Hotspots and Chromebooks project

- Canadian Internet RA grant has been applied for and responded to

C. Combating food insecurity

- Attempting to meet the needs in the community
- Partnering with the food bank to discuss installing two refueling stations at the library (mini fridges and snack bowls for children and teens)
- This is still in the proposal stage

- Partnership may include library staff going to the food bank each month for outreach
- Can donations be accepted at the library? Yes!
- Kelly or other staff will need to pick up food from food bank

D. Seniors Community Grant

- Grant has been opened - June 27th in the deadline
- Looking for ideas
- Previous years have been tech help in Groves Park
- Oral history project?
 - NY Public Library has videoed stories of people telling their histories
 - If approved, can hire for this position

E. Brought to Council

- Amalgamation options
- Youth engagement
 - Led by the rec department and the library
 - Andrew believes the rec department has already taken a lead on this project
 - Kelly would like to partner with them as a dual program
 - Asked if we can provide space for the Robbie Dean center to meet
 - Mental health kids are ready now, and are currently be marketed

7. Next Meeting: June 18th, 2019

8. Adjournment @ 5:45 PM

REMINDER: The University Women's Club is holding a Tea on September 21st - Tickets \$10. Kelly is going to speak for a short time. People are welcome to come dressed representing a particular decade. At the Rotary Hall at the Manor 1- 3 PM.