

Salmo Valley Public Library Association
Board of Directors

Draft Meeting Minutes – December 11th, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors convened at 5:00 pm at the Salmo Library with the following in attendance:

Trustees: Judi Cozzetto, Teresa Kjelson, Janet Pierce, Jen Gawne, Sylvia Korens, Pat Goulden, Hans Cunningham

Absent: Melanie Briscoe, Tom Nixon

Staff: Taylor Caron

Salmo Valley Public Library acknowledges that the land we gather is the traditional territory of the Sinixt, the Ktunaxa, and the Syilx peoples and is home to the Métis and many diverse Indigenous persons.

1. **Call to Order:** at 5:05 by Janet Pierce, Chair
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Approved by Sylvia and second by Kenzie
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - **Approval of previous minutes** from the meeting on November 13th, 2023, was reviewed—approval with minor corrections.
 - **Correspondence** –
 - BC Lung Foundation – letters regarding student radon testing contest and the importance of testing radon in your home
 - ABCPLD – emails and shared publications regarding the current push for libraries to ban books.
 - Centre for Free Expression – Memo about a database designed for libraries to share experiences of challenges to items, programs, displays, etc.
 - **Librarian's Report**
 - Village delegation report – more minutes in old business.
 - Magazine drive is wrapping up and almost 100% covered
 - CVITP – grant of \$2000 received
 - See attached full report
 - **Committee Reports:**
 - *Friends of the Library* – Judi
 - The next tea is the holiday tea on December 22nd at 10:30
 - The 2024 calendar sales are going well

- Book sort and good weed will happen in January
- Friends will be making their annual donation on December 23rd
- The next Friends meeting is January 4th
- *KLF* – Jen
 - Not much to report. Melanie has sent out a summary of the Creston meetings from the fall.
 - Training opportunities available for board members

CONSENT AGENDA Motion: Judi moved it, and Janet seconded it to approve the consent agenda – with minor corrections to the November minutes.

Approved by consensus.

4. Financial Report:

- Report from Treasurer – looking good as the year is coming to a close
- **Approve Financial Reports November 30th, 2023** – The Board discussed the Financial Report for November 30th, 2023.

MOTION: It was moved by Teresa and seconded by Jen to approve the financial statements for November 30th, 2023

All in favour – CARRIED

5. Old Business:

- The Media Assistant Job – has been advertised, and so far, we have five resumes. Interviews will happen the week before we close for the holidays.
- Village Delegation November 28th – Taylor, Tom, and Judi attended the council meeting and presented the library's 2024 draft budget. Overall, it was well received by the council. The Village council is very much in support and understanding of the value of the library to the community.

A question arose: Teresa asked Hans (RDCK rep) where the extra money from the AAP in 2022 is. Is this something that is accessible to the library? Hans said the library could request more than a 2% increase in our 2024 budget.

ACTION: The budget committee will reconvene on Saturday, December 16th, at 1 pm to amend the draft budget and ask for a 4% increase.

- Square Society – Pat sent the Square Society a letter requesting a meeting date.

6. New Business:

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm. Moved by Janet and seconded by Jen

Next Meeting: Monday, January 8th, 2024 at 6:00 pm