

**Draft Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Creston Valley Public Library**

Date: October 19, 2021

Present: Joanna Wilson (Town Rep), Alison Szpak, Joan Hedstrom, (chair), Laurie Riehl, Denné Ahlefeld

Regrets: Brenda Bruns, Dallas Jordan

Secretary: Saara Itkonen (Library Director)

Call to order: 7:01pm

**Agenda**

Consent agenda.

**Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2021 meeting**

Consent agenda

**Correspondence/Announcements**

- Minister Josie Osborne, who is responsible for the Public Libraries Branch, retweeted Saara's recent column on library workers
- Town Council voted to support increased Provincial funding for public libraries at the Union for BC Municipalities conference

Motion to accept consent agenda. M/S Denne/Alison. Carried.

**Reports**

**Chief Librarian's Report**

- Saara presented a report of the library's operations and usage statistics for September.
- Motion to accept reports. M/S Denne/Alison. Carried.

**Finance Report**

- Saara presented the finance report for September. A draft budget for 2022 will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion to accept the finance report. M/S Denne/Alison. Carried.

**Human Resources**

- Saara's performance review is due in January.

**Strategic Planning**

- Saara and Joan will meet to work on a draft strategic plan using the information we have gathered so far.

#### Nominations

- none

#### Friends of the Library

- Friends of the Library hosted their first in-library book sale since the pandemic began. Thank you Friends for your efforts in supporting the library! Joan suggested that board members help out with the next sale.

#### Kootenay Library Federation

- none

#### Old Business

- Motion to close the library from November 9th-15th, Christmas Eve, and New Years Eve to provide rest (with regular pay) for library staff in recognition of their continued public service during the global pandemic. M/S Laurie/Alison. Carried.

#### New Business

- None.

Meeting adjourned at pm.7: 56pm

Next meeting: November 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 @ 7pm.