

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Creston Valley Public Library

Date: September 20, 2022

Present: Joan Hedstrom, (chair), Dallas Jordan, Alison Szpak, Denné Ahlefeld, Joanna Wilson, Kathy Durnin, Laurie Riehl

Secretary: Saara Itkonen (Library Director)

Call to order: 7:16pm

Approval of Agenda and of Minutes of May 24, 2022 meeting

Motion to accept meeting agenda and previous meeting minutes. M/S Denné/Laurie

Correspondence/Announcements

- Saara provided a brief update on the recent UBCM gathering. Minister Cullen spoke about public libraries at the event.
- Joan shared dates for upcoming BCLTA workshops: Oct 5 – Strategic Outcomes & Oversight; Nov 2 – Policy Development & Oversight

Reports

Library Operations Report

- Saara presented the reports of the library's operations and usage statistics for June, July & August.
Motion to accept reports. M/S Kathy /Dallas. Carried.

Finance Report

- Saara presented the finance report for August.
Motion to accept the finance report. M/S Dallas/Laurie. Carried.

Friends of the Library

- The Friends will be hosted a library booksale on October 14 & 15.

Kootenay Library Federation

- Saara, Laurie, and Joan will be attending the upcoming KLF meetings in Cranbrook.
- The Quilt Guild will be displaying and selling "author faces" quilts at the booksale as a shared fundraiser for themselves and the library

Old Business

- None.

New Business

Budget 2023, Negotiations 2023, Library Director Salary Review



PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Joan reminded the board of upcoming responsibilities for the next budget, bargaining, and the library director's salary

Policies & Board Recruitment

- The board discussed possible ways to strengthen our board policies and nominations process to ensure that members in bad faith do not hijack the library board for political purposes (re: book bans in the states and recent events in Bonner's Ferry)
 - Action item: Joan will work on a draft board primer and nomination form
- Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

This will be Joanna Wilson's last meeting with the library board. Thank you Joanna for all your advocacy and efforts in championing the library with Town Council and beyond!

Next meetings @ 7pm: Oct 18, Nov 22