

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING & LIBRARY BOARD TOUR

MINUTES – MAY 22, 2008

Members Present:

Irene Van Brabant (Chairperson), Alphonse Corbiere, Tom Kurek, Angela Lorenson, Lois Bouchard, Diana Tyler-Moon, Betty Way (Recording Secretary).

Regrets: Lorna Conner

At 8:40 a.m., Board Members departed from the County Office, on route to the Lafond Library.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

At 8:50 a.m., Irene Van Brabant called the meeting to order.

a. Additions to Agenda – No additions were made.

Tom Kurek moved to accept Agenda as presented. **Carried.**

2. MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2008 MEETING:

The Minutes of the March 12, 2008 meeting were distributed to Members.

Lois Bouchard moved that these Minutes be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Members glanced over Treasurer's Report as presented. Bank balance to May 21, 2008 - \$47,467.31.

Betty Way announced that an additional \$2,000.00 in Allocations, shall become available to Lafond, Mallaig and Ashmont Libraries. Letter will be drafted and forwarded to our Libraries.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented, moved by Lois Bouchard. **Carried.**

4. N.L.L.S. REPORT:

Alphonse Corbiere and Tom Kurek briefed Members on a number of happenings.

At 9:10 a.m., Library Board arrived at the Lafond Community Library, where Ramona Logozar greeted Members who enjoyed touring the Library.

Members discussed with Ramona of how a Wireless System would bring much benefit to Library users. Irene Van Brabant made contact with Bridget Sakaluk from N.L.L.S. and it was noted that these upgrades to our Libraries would estimate a sum of approximately \$1,400.00. James Mac Donald, Information Technician with N.L.L.S. will also be in contact with Irene Van Brabant, updating her of these procedures.

Comments rose from Irene Van Brabant how Allocation monies should be utilized to enhance services, promoting our Libraries. Letter will be drafted for each of our Libraries, noting just how this allocation money might be disbursed. Mention of Author Workshops, Story Teller and Crafts/Courses, Movie Night, etc. being offered would definitely bring up our number of users. Diana Tyler-Moon spoke of the Learning Association portraying a part in these planned activities (marketing techniques), along with her husband "Brian," who has written five books and would have an interest in being a part of this plan. Board Members will be made aware of these activities, with each Library's report of upcoming events.

Ramona Logozar stated that plans will be underway for the construction of a Book Return Slot, of which may be in the state of a portable unit, erected outdoors. Diana Tyler-Moon will look at an advantage of funding assistance through the Learning Association. Members left Lafond Library at 10:00 a.m., on route to Elk Point Municipal Library.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

a. Alberta Library Conference – Jasper, April 24-27/08:

Irene Van Brabant stated that the plan changed for a number of Board Member's attendance at this year's Conference. The Board will be reimbursed for Angela Lorensen's registration and Irene Van Brabant's registration will be reimbursed through Friends of the Library.

b. Library Computer Upgrades/Wireless Systems – N.L.L.S:

As spoke of earlier.

c. Letters to Librarians – Attendance at Library Manager Council Meetings & Conferences:

Letters were hand delivered to each Librarian, stressing these issues.

d. Mallaig Library – Hours of Operation (Lunch Hour):

By request from a number of users, Board Members discussed the possibility of the Library being open over the lunch hour to accommodate them. The Board will be advised of this decision at a later date.

e. N.L.L.S. – TRAC Chooses Polaris Library Systems – January 13, 2009:

Announcement information circulated to Members.

f. Elk Point Library – Membership Fees:

Irene Van Brabant informed Members of meeting with County Council regarding waiving the Membership Fees, a decision of the Town and County Boards, implemented by a one year installment. Additional funding for Elk Point Municipal Library could be applied through the Plan of Service Agreement, with a letter of this request being addressed to the Board.

Motion that the Elk Point Library draft a letter to the County of St. Paul Library Board, announcing that additional funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 be requested to cover the cost of the elimination of their Library fees. Moved by Angela Lorensen.
Carried.

At 10:40 a.m., arrived at the Elk Point Municipal Library where Librarian, Daphne Schnurer and Laverne Wilson, Chairman greeted Board Members for a tour of the Library.

Daphne Schnurer spoke of a number of changes, including four brand new computers and another on the way with special mention of the joint operations of the County of St. Paul and Town of Elk Point and the many activities taking place at the Library. Mention made of the new young adult teen area and over the last three years, how health, senior's issues, fitness and family health have played a major role for information searching.

Laverne Wilson talked on a number of Board changes taking place. Upgrades to the Library have seen implementation of the wireless system, greatly used by the oil sector.

Irene Van Brabant made mention of our Service Agreement and with request by way of a letter addressed to the Board, additional funding could be implemented.

Members left the Library at 12:00 p.m. and lunch was served at the Empress Restaurant. On route to Mallaig Community Library at 1:00 p.m.

After Members discussed Library's allocation of funds, Alphonse Corbiere moved that a letter be drafted to our Libraries, announcing a \$2,000.00 allocation for each, aiding in the enhancement of services. **Carried.**

g. Supplementary Operating Grant – Received:

Irene Van Brabant informed Members of our Supplementary Grant which has been received in the amount of \$3,000.00, along with our Development Project Grant in the amount of \$18,000.00 which will be utilized for a Library Programmer for the St. Paul Municipal Library.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

None to mention.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

None to mention.

8. **NEXT MEETING:**

Scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Alphonse Corbiere moved that accounts payable invoices be acknowledged as received. **Carried.**

On route to the Mallaig Community Library, arrived at 1:45 p.m.

Anne-Marie Amyotte and Louise Jodoin welcomed Board Members who were given updates of happenings surrounding the Library. Anne-Marie Amyotte commented on upgrades to computers and the upcoming purchase of a WII System.

Irene Van Brabant informed Librarians, the importance of utilizing the allocation funds to enhance service, increasing user numbers and the importance of Librarian's attendance at N.L.L.S. meetings.

Hours of operation surfaced, with mention of the Library being open over the lunch hour. Anne-Marie Amyotte informed Members that she will look into the matter and inform us of this decision.

Board Members arrived at the Ashmont Community Library at 3:00 p.m. and were greeted by Maryanne Ozaruk and Corina Idzan. Members were updated on activities within the Library, along with the wireless system to be introduced. N.L.L.S. will be contacted with concern to the new computer unit, which is still not properly installed. Members may plan to return to the Ashmont Library during the next few months to assess operations.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 3:40 p.m., on route to St. Paul, Tom Kurek moved that meeting be adjourned. **Carried.**

Board Members arrived at the St. Paul Municipal Library at 4:10 p.m. and were greeted by Doreen Bean, Chairman; Joanne Knysh, Librarian and Vicki Brooker. After a tour of the Library, Members were invited to Tea and Snacks.

Date

Chairperson