

Chairs Report

We have held 2 executive meetings since our election in Dec, with one being right after the long board meeting. We had record breaking attendance at our meeting. It was great that everyone showed up for our learning session. We have 26 new library trustees. Quite the turnover.

There were no meetings held since due to holidays and office work on the audit.

On Monday we held our 2nd meeting.

Our Auditor Barb McCarthy presented our audited financial statement and we are in good shape, with a small surplus over budget. We will have to change our wording in motions when we want to spend money outside the budget to reflect that and not say take from reserves as the funds are not placed in a specific fund earmarked or designated to a specific item such as capital operations etc.

We reviewed vacant committee members and will be having an election on Saturday for Chair, reps from Zone 2 & 4 as well as a member at large.

Our building and policy committees require members as well. We hope to have all these positions filled at our next meeting this Saturday.

We have discussed supporting an Alberta Library Rep providing a small amount of funding up to a max of \$3000.00. With that we will be putting in our own job description with our expectations and having a template for reporting back to board.

We were excited to have our Executive Director tell us about the new advocacy course to be offered to 6 Library Managers and 1 board member. This was worked on by NLLS, Marigold, Peace and Northern Lakes. The first enrolled will be used as a source to provide feedback. NLLS members will be offered the course at reduced fees, and our executive felt it was something we should support for our members as professional development.

We went over our Plan of Service and we are making strides there in accordance to the plan. Our marketing is working very hard on getting the website, Social media and all things aligned and working on the ease of use for all areas for our stakeholders. We did discuss having to notify Policy committee there will be some policies that need to be drawn up on Social media use, postings etc.

We are looking at setting up a different way of doing our budget now with an interim in the fall as required, with a follow up in the new \year once we have the actual numbers of population. We understand NLLS will be cash flowing our libraries as they do not get their funding until June from the grants. Instructions will be sent to the policy committee for changes. This will allow our municipalities to be aware of an approximate amount but billed the actual in the New Year.

Hoopla again has been raised as a concern with costs and Julie will offer alternatives to libraries. Maureen Penn is aware of other sources besides Overdrive such as FREE Gal and will share information.

A Thank you to Maureen for always being of assistance and her work with our board.

A communication protocol policy is going to be set up so both libraries and board members can know where to address any concerns.