



PARRY SOUND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. @ Parry Sound Public Library

PRESENT: Tom Lundy – Chair, Archipelago Rep., Susan Murphy, Carling Township Rep. Vice – Chair, Doug McCann, Town of Parry Sound Rep, Vanessa Backman, Town of Parry Sound Rep., Lynn Gregory, McDougall Rep., Colleen O’Hare, Stephen Heder, J. Hoddy

STAFF: Rita Orr, C.E.O.

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 9:20 a.m. (Technical Difficulty)

Chair: To ensure the practice of proper social distancing measures, and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the community, this Parry Sound Library (PSPL) Board meeting will be held electronically in accordance with section 238 of the Municipal Act, 2001. Board Meeting minutes will be recorded, and posted on the PSPL website for members of the public to view.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #2021 - 64

That we the Parry Sound Public Library Board, accept the March 10, 2021, agenda, as circulated to all members be approved.

Moved by S. Heder and seconded by D. McCann

Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - None

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

4.1 Minutes:

Motion #2021- 65

That we the Parry Sound Public Library Board, accept the March 10, 2021, consent agenda, as circulated to all members be approved.

Moved by L. Gregory and seconded by C. O’Hare

Carried

4.2 Correspondence/Education

a) **The Township of the Archipelago** – Acknowledging the two years Library Contract Passed

5. IN-CAMERA SESSION – NOT NECESSARY –

6. NEW BUSINESS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

6.1 Rejuvenating the Library:

a) Instant Space Divider between the public and the staff, Covid 19 protection and noise.

See quote attached and picture.

Motion #2021 – 66

That we the Parry Sound Public Library Board, directs the C.E.O. R. Orr to purchase the Instant Space Divider to protect staff from Covid 19 and noise , as per quote Instant Space Dividers, as circulated to all members to be approved.

Moved by L. Gregory and D. McCann

Carried

- b) Applying to grants to purchase four new Early Literacy Stations for the children's department and this year's fundraising goal. See attached brochure and quote.
- c) Go Fund Me Account set up for the kick off for April 1 for the new rejuvenating Children's Dept.

Motion #2021 – 67

That we the Parry Sound Public Library Board, approves the Children's Department rejuvenation project and to start a GO FUND ME fundraising campaign to raise approximately \$30,000 with tentative applications to grants for this campaign initiative "**Kids Portal – Escape into Knowledge**", as circulated to all members to be approved.

Moved by C. O'Hare and seconded by J. Hoddy

Carried

- d) Good in every Grain Kits – children's program

Good in Every Grain

Looking for resources for a spring-themed take-home kit for your patrons? Good in Every Grain, Grain Farmers of Ontario's public outreach campaign, is offering a free seed planting kit designed to educate Ontario grade school students on where their food comes from, the types of grains grown in Ontario, and how plants grow. The seed kit contains a cup, wheat or soybean seeds, a soil wafer, a how-to guide for parents, a coloring page, a ruler, and additional learning material about Ontario grains. This is a great activity to do during the springtime when plants begin to grow!

R. Orr mentioned that this initiative will begin in May for 50 children to pick up the packages in the children's department.

- e) Overdue fines were discussed and the Library will continue to waive the fines until further COVID-19 results are in. R. Orr mentioned maybe end of May, hopefully we will be in Green.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

7.1 New Technology Centre and named after *C.N. Corporate Services*

- Waiting for quotes on computers
- Wiring needs to be done and some of the electrical panel needs to be replaced, out of date. Work has been scheduled to begin in a few weeks.

8. FINANCIAL:

8.1: Treasurer's Report for the following to be approved.

Motion #2021 – 68

We the Board accepts the Treasurer's report of disbursements as presented from January 1, 2021 to January 31, 2021 in the amount of \$32,510.52 as presented be approved.

Moved by S. Heder and seconded by S. Murphy

Carried

Motion #2021 – 69

We the Board accepts the Treasurer's report of disbursements as presented from February 1 to 28, 2021 in the amount of \$35,624.81 as presented by approved.

Moved by S. Murphy and seconded by J. Hoddy

9. CEO REPORT:

9.1 Statistics – Attached Stats for January and February 2021

R. Orr reported that reaching 21,889 people on Facebook is outstanding.

9.2 Shop Eat Support Local Campaign Poster attached – The Parry Sound Public Library participated in implementing this initiative and designed the poster.

NEXT MEETING AND AJOURNMENT –

Motion #2021-70

That we the Parry Sound Public Library Board, accept a motion to adjourn the Zoom Board meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, April 14, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. Zoom Meeting

Approved