



Nelson Public Library Board  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Minutes

In Attendance

Regrets

Tracey Therrien, Chief Librarian  
Anni Holtby  
Caroline McChesney  
Lesley Garlow (via zoom)  
Randi Fjeldseth  
Kathleen Cauley  
Laurie Langille  
Jesse Pineiro

Dale Butterfield  
Leslie Payne  
Michelle Sylvest  
Sue Adam

Recorder: Zoë Creighton ( by recording)  
Guest: Laura Harris Assistant Chief Librarian, Fernando Murray

	SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FROM THIS MEETING	Who	By When
1.	No Actions recorded		

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Anni Holtby.  
Introductions by Laura Harris and Fernando Murray  
Laurie Langille offered the Territorial Acknowledgment.

1. Adoption of Regular Agenda

M/S R. Fjeldseth/ J. Pineiro

That the Agenda for the meeting be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED.**

2. Adoption of Consent Agenda

- Minutes of Sept 19, 2023 meeting
- Governance and Nominations report

Anni declared the consent agenda adopted.

3. Committee reports and Rep/Liaison updates

*Fund Development: Anni*  
Anni provided a backdrop to the motion that followed.

M/S C. McChesney/L. Langille

That an ad hoc working group consisting of trustee, staff and community advocates be convened with terms of reference to develop a facility campaign. **CARRIED.**

A discussion ensued. The Fund Development Committee will follow up.

*BCLTA: Michelle*

Nothing reported. Michelle is absent.

*Friends: Kathleen*

Kathleen reported out on the proposed Lending Library at Whitewater, which will be funded by a \$500 grant from the Kootenay Country Store Co-op.

Booksale coming up November 24<sup>th</sup> /25<sup>th</sup>

### 3. Librarian's report

Tracey offered highlights of her distributed report, centred on the recurring themes of partnerships and community connections.

- She shared website updates that increase accessibility by visually impaired people.
- Staff in Trail for EDI training
- Increased partnerships – including advances with MLA Anderson
- Staff experiences with non-responsive patrons - critical incident training- a discussion ensued.

### 4. Board Annual Agenda

*Oct.:* Arrange for committees to meet and review individual committee Q3 and Q4 Annual Goals & Objectives

*Nov:* Review and approve annual budget; Progress Review (Q4) of Annual Goals and Objectives; Recommend Trustee renewals or appointments to City Council

### 5. Business/Action items arising from Minutes

REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM SEPTEMBER MINUTES	WHO	STATUS
1. Invite Osprey ED to November board meeting, as well as some of the Friends of the Library representatives re: Legacy and Bequest proposal	Anni	Complete
2. Convene a meeting with the fund development cttee between Sue's arrival back and the November board meeting (October 28 <sup>th</sup> )	Anni	Complete
3. Initiate the next step in advocacy activities – a guided activity around how to reach out to community partners – prefaced by distribution of the asset map.	Kathleen	Later on this Agenda
4. Forward video links from Toronto Public Library and Tamarack Institute	Anni	Complete

### 6. Generative Discussion: Intellectual Freedom.

Tracey provided an introduction to the video on this topic circulated in the meeting package:

“Defending Access to Information in a Polarized World”, and Anni facilitated the small group process of discussion and reflecting back to the larger group.

## **7. Advocacy Tool Kit**

- *Advocacy activity: Kathleen*

Kathleen facilitated the next step to prep the board to begin to meet with boards of community partners –a guided activity that included approaches to tailoring messages to the values and mission of the organisations to whom the Library is reaching out – the topic contemplated and shared back was “In what ways do our community partners deal with components of intellectual freedom, and how do we approach a discussion around this?”

## **8. Trustee Board Development: Sessions/readings**

There was no feedback from trustees who had participated in recent trainings or workshops.

Anni voiced appreciation for Randi Fjeldseth’s service on the board.

**M/S** K. Cauley/ C. McChesney

That the Regular meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED.**

Moved to in camera at 8:25 PM.