



Pahkisimon Nuyeh'áh Library System

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Advocacy Committee Meeting MINUTES 22 February 2019

In Attendance: Darlene Morin, Chairperson; Delilah Aubichon; Doreen Polischuk; Shirley Martin; Laura Custer; Dawn Ewart

Staff: James Hope Howard, Director; Harriet Roy, Assistant Director

Unable to Attend: Cassandra Duff; Ramandeep Kaur

1. Call the Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order by Darlene Morin at 3:39 p.m.

2. Review and Adopt the Agenda

MOTION AC2019-01: **Shirley Martin / Doreen Polischuk**
That the agenda be adopted as presented.

/Carried

3. Review and adopt the Minutes of 21 September 2018

MOTION AC2019-02: **Doreen Polischuk / Laura L. Custer**
That the minutes of 21 September 2018 be adopted as presented.

/Carried

4. Business Arising From the Minutes
 - 4.1 Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan
James reported that the Saskatoon Archives has been closed and the Regina Archive has been temporarily closed.
 - 4.2 Ministry of Education / PLLO Saskatchewan Libraries Review
And Public Engagement
The final report was briefly reviewed by James. The report covers eight topics: Funding Structure and Predictability; Provincial Public Library Strategic Plan; One Card, One Province; Communication with Provincial Library; Governance Training; indigenization; Value of Public Libraries; Legislation. This report was presented in mid of January, and 5000 feedbacks were received at that time. A public report should be in a couple of weeks.
 - 4.3 CRA Charity Advocacy Changes (Canada Without Poverty v. AG Canada, 2018 ONSC 4147) Final Outcomes



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The federal government declined to appeal the ruling by the Supreme Court of Ontario, effectively rendering the SCO decision the new federally-recognized precedent going forward.

5. Ongoing Business

5.1 Federal Ministry Letters for Funding Possibilities

It is making progress and the new name is Department of Indigenous. Letters can be sent to local band chiefs and councils.

5.2 PNLS Branded Items / Stationary / Merchandise / Etc.

\$3000 has been put aside in budget for purchasing merchandising. Darlene asked if PNLS can order some jackets for Executive Committee members. The expenses can be half split

Action: Place an order for USB sticks, pens and Jackets with PNLS logo.

5.3 Headquarters Building and Infrastructure

James reported that everything is stable. Exit lights needed to be checked by an electrician, as some of those are burnt. Batteries in emergency lights need to replace. The inspection was done by the fire department of the building in December 2019. Heat needs to be adjusted it's little hot in the building. There is no leakage in the building so far instead there is little bit leakage from the chimney.

5.4 Website and Social Media Updates and Engagement

There will be a link for Governance stuff and NRP bulletin board challenge results on the website. There was a link added for the Archives Open House. Yearend documents are added onto it. Teacher packages are on now. Harriet mentioned that Lisa and she have an idea of highlighting some of our collections on the website. Tumble Book is one link. Probably one link for press reader will be added.

5.5 Community Outreach Opportunities

PNLS will keep doing table sales and outdoor events. Three tables were set at one of the Ice Wolves Hockey games. Photos were taken. Next season PNLS will try to do the same on every game.

6. Fundraising Targets

6.1 Northern Saskatchewan Archives & Alex Robertson Public Library No-Frills Fundraiser, January / February 2019

Alex Robertson Public Library hosted a joint No-Frills Fundraiser with PNLS Archives, in conjunction with Archives Open House in February. The funds were then split in half, with each partner receiving about \$600



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7. New Business

- 7.1 Northern Saskatchewan Archives Open House 2019 Reporting
86 people arrived despite weather on February 5th, 105 total after. Had interviews with MBC and La Ronge Now, both are now online.
- 7.2 SUMA & SARM Conventions 2019 Regional Libraries Booths
The Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) hosted its 114th Annual Convention from February 3 to 4. James reported that the convention went well. There was a trade show booth. There were lots of Northerners. Saskatchewan Rural Municipalities Association will be hosting its Annual convention from March 11-13.
- 7.3 SLA Conference 2019, Saskatoon
The next SLA Conference is on May 2nd-3rd in Saskatoon. The theme is, "Libraries Transform". Harriet is on the "Aboriginal Panel" and James is Conference MC.
- 7.4 PNLS Makerspace Kits 2019
Roughly \$5000 was spent last year on Makerspace kits. This year the budget is \$5000 again. This year another order will be placed for Caterpillar Makerspace kit. Darlene suggested Tie Dye kit. James will look into it.
- 7.5 PNLS Website Library Careers Section
James reported that another link will be added to the PNLS website for career opportunities available at PNLS and at member libraries. There will also be a link for the Bursary Grant, and information on schools and colleges that offer distance-education library courses.

8. Policy Review and Approval
None

9. Other Business
None

10. Next Meeting: After AGM

11. Adjournment: 4:45 PM