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Pahkisimon Nuyeháh Library System Advocacy Committee Meeting 10 June 2022 Minutes

In attendance:

Board: Delilah Aubichon-Chair, Richard Thommes- Vice Chair, Laura Custer, Barb Flett, Michelle Gale

Staff: James Hope Howard-Director, Harriet Roy-Assistant Director, Linda Collins-FMOA and Recorder

Regrets: Darlene Morin

1. **Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM by D. Aubichon. The Land Acknowledgement was read.

2. **Roundtable Introductions and Review of Subcommittee Mandate**

Since this was the first meeting of the new Subcommittee since the AGM, there were introductions made.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Addition: 6.2.3 Library Establishment Anniversary
Acknowledgements

MOTION: ADV-2022-06-10-01

To approve the agenda as amended

B. Flett/M. Gale

/Carried

4. **Approval of Minutes, 19 November 2021**

The minutes were reviewed and there were no errors or omissions

MOTION: ADV-2022-06-10-02

To approve the minutes of the 19 November 2021 as presented

R. Thommes/L. Custer

/Carried

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5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 COPPUL & Emerald Management 120 Databases First Voices First Project

James did a presentation at the SLA Conference. These are reference databases that are used in educational settings. It was well received. The project is a pilot until December 31, 2022, with a possibility of extension, depending on the usage.

5.2 2022 Saskatchewan Libraries Conference

James was the master of ceremonies at the event. It was in person and was well attended and received. Harriet attended several workshops, in particular the Saskatchewan Access to Legal Information (SALI) and cataloguing.

5.3 SUMA Convention 2022, April 3-6

James attended, along with other Regional Library Directors. They shared a booth and showcased some of the programming that they are doing, how the library system works and how it is funded.

There was a resolution brought forward supporting the public library system, and to request retroactive funding to the libraries and to fund adequately going forward.

James was able to spend some time with the northern representatives that would usually go to the New North conference.

He was able to check out the various types of promotional merchandise, and there are a few items that are of interest to us.

6. Ongoing Business

6.1 PNLS Branded Items / Stationary / Merchandise / Etc.

6.1.1 Potential Summer Literacy Camp 2022 Supports

James received supports for the Summer Literacy Camps, in particular Cree books. He will definitely order more items, such as water bottles and more pencils.

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6.1.2 Branded Jackets Planning & Sizing

The jackets will be ordered in the next while, so we will be contacting everyone to get sizes.

6.2 Community Outreach Opportunities

6.2.1 Sponsorships and Donations

6.2.1.1 Lac La Ronge Regional Pride Parade & Festival Committee Donation Request

The Regional Pride Parade & Festival requested a donation of whatever we could supply. Last year we were able to donate \$250.00 and rainbow pencils, and books.

MOTION: ADV-2022-06-10-03

D. Aubichon/M. Gale

To approve \$250.00 and pencils to the Regional Pride Parade and Festival.

/Carried

6.2.2 Partnership with Alex Robertson Public Library on Harold Johnson “Changing Your Story” Memorial Grant

Alex Robertson Public Library, the family of the late Harold Johnson and PNLS have partnered to establish a memorial fund to have an annual “Change Your Story” grant, where the recipient tells how they have changed their lives.

PNLS was asked to help because we are a charitable organization and can issue donation receipts, and the Alex Robertson Public Library is in a position that, if they have a large donation, they would be required to do a full audit, and they are not in a financial position to do that. PNLS is also accustomed to dealing with restricted funds. The family wants the grant to be available for all of the north, so PNLS is in a position to access the full north because of the network of libraries we have.

We will have a dedicated account set up through the bank for this fund.

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6.2.3 Library Establishment Anniversary

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We have not been able to celebrate the anniversaries of the libraries for the past few years. Harriet wants to send a letter to each public library board and let them know that their library is coming up to a milestone year. They can then do a celebration at the public library level. These letters can go out in the information packages in August.

6.3 PNLS Website and Social Media Updates and Engagement

6.3.1 PNLS Website Governance Section Development

James are updating our governance section on our website. Most regional library board have annual reports, financial statements and other policies available for the public to see. We will update ours as well, as per the board's instructions.

6.3.2 Joint Presentation Series with Roots of Hope Project La Ronge & Area (Most Recent May 17)

The most recent was on parenting strategies for on-line access. It has gone very well and there have been quite a number of people who have watched the live stream.

6.4 Ministry of Education Libraries Sector Plan Progress Update

6.4.1 Directors & PLLO Meeting on Year One Progress, June 6

They are finishing up year 1. Not a lot has been done yet, because this year was mostly gathering information. Some recommendations have been done, but nothing has come from that yet.

7. Fundraising Activities and Targets

7.1 PNLS HQ Book Sale & Garage Sale 2022 Planning

We are looking at doing the book and garage sale for some time in July. We will try to have it over the week and carry on over the weekend. Any of the books that have been through

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three rounds of book sales, will be taken to the dump. Unless we want to spend countless numbers of hours taking the front and back covers, and the spines off, we cannot get them shredded. The shredding costs are over \$100 per hour.

7.2 Fundraising Sources Brainstorming and Discussion

If there are any fundraising ideas that anyone hears about, please let us know. We are open to any ideas.

This is the last year for the Sask Power Northern Reading Program grant. We will need to get the application to them for the next three year grant.

8. Policy Review and Approval

Whenever we have policy revisions, they will come to this sub-committee, then to the Executive and then to the AGM. We currently have nothing that needs to be revised.

9. Other Business

9.1 Sandy Bay Village Council Meeting, May 24

James attended a meeting with the Sandy Bay Village Council to discuss the joint venture library. They have not had a public librarian for some time, and are looking at hiring someone for the fall. James will be available for training once they get someone in place.

9.2 PNLS Online Information Package 2022-23 Planning

We use an online information package rather than hard copies. There is an introductory letter that gets sent out to give each area an idea of where to find the information that is needed. The forms can be printed as needed.

The School and Public Library cards forms are printed and filled out with the most recent people.

James is also looking at a survey to go with this package to send back to us and let us know if there are areas that the library needs help with. We will also be able to schedule cataloguing, training, inventory and other services as needed.

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9.3 SLA + SPRA + SRPA Library Park Passes Pilot Project

We are among a number of regional libraries that are part of a pilot project of having regional park passes available for this year. We will update as we get information.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in conjunction with the next executive meeting.

11. Adjournment

D. Aubichon adjourned the meeting at 4:21PM.

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