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Pahkisimon Nuyeh'áh Library System Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes 3 March 2023

Attending:

Board: Delilah Aubichon-Chair, Richard Thommes- Vice Chair, Laura Custer, Marilyn Fern, Barb Flett, Michelle Gale, Sean Molloy (by phone), Darlene Morin

Staff: James Hope Howard-Director, Linda Collins-FMOA and Recorder (by Zoom)

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order at 3:13PM. The Land Acknowledgement was recited.

2. Approval of Agenda

There were no additions.

MOTION: ADV-2023-03-03-01

To approve the Agenda as presented

M. Gale/B. Flett

Carried

3. Approval of Minutes, 9 December 2022

The minutes were reviewed. The name of the book is Five Little Indians. It will be amended from Ten Little Indians.

MOTION: ADV-2023-03-03-02

To approve the Minutes as Amended

B. Flett/R. Thommes

Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Application

Nobody has heard back regarding the decision yet. It has not yet been 16 weeks. We do have the money set aside in case that we need to go that route, and we can also break it into two years if necessary.

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4.2 PNLS Website Governance Section Updated

The second most recent minutes have been added. The minutes from December will be added as of the approval at this meeting. The previous years have been stored at Provincial. We also have backups on an external hard drive.

5. Ongoing Business

5.1 PNLS Branded Items / Stationary / Merchandise / Etc.

5.1.1 December 4Imprint Order Received

We have about \$5000 to \$6000 aside for merchandise. The items were purchased in December and have now started to come in.

There were tote bags that are coming in that will be useful.

There are some other items that will be ordered as soon as we can get them.

Any suggestions are welcome.

5.2 Community Outreach Opportunities

5.2.1 Sponsorships and Donations

We are taking requests as they come in, however there have been none yet.

5.3 PNLS Website and Social Media Updates and Engagement

5.3.1 Emerald First Voices First Program Extended

COPPOL and Emerald First Voices First have been extended until December 31, 2024.

James will be doing a presentation at Northlands College of the database access points.

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5.4 Ministry of Education Libraries Sector Plan Progress Update

5.4.1 Directors & Chairs PLLO Meeting, January 11

We are entering Year Two of the Five Year Sector Plan. Staffing, Training, Inflation are the main issues right now. Legislation changes are not on the table yet. The Provincial Budget date has not been set yet.

6. Fundraising Activities and Targets

6.1 Fundraising Sources Brainstorming and Discussion

Not a lot of opportunities for municipal funding. We don't have the tax base.

The Provincial Grant is our major funding source, which is used for operations and salaries. We maintain a carryover fund which we don't touch. It is there in case there were suddenly no funding. We get restricted amounts for particular programs, such as materials.

Flo Woods at PLLO asked that PNLS purchase four sets of books from Penguin Random House, on their behalf. We will receive a grant of \$20,000 for the purchase of the books and \$2,000 added for the administration. Random House does not do direct procurement with the government. Since we are already a partner with the Literacy Camps, and a non-profit, we can funnel the money through us. The letter has arrived and we are now waiting on the money.

6.2 Partnership Opportunities Brainstorming and Discussion

The Saskatchewan Writer's Guild will partner with us when they set up the northern authors tour.

The Park Pass Project will be expanded to 900 passes this year and will include more parks. Forty-five out of the seventy-five of the original passes went out from our allocation.

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7. Policy Review and Approval

7.1 Promotional Items and Image Policy

James went through the updated policy.

MOTION: ADV-2023-03-03

L. Custer/M. Gale

To approve the Promotional Items and Image Policy as presented

Carried

8. Other Business

8.1 SLA One Book One Province, March 2023

It is now underway. There are 6 in person events March 22-30, and there is a virtual event scheduled for March 23 from Regina.

The book has been ordered, since there has been a lot of interest.

8.2 SLA 2023 Saskatchewan Libraries Conference, May 3—5

The conference will be held in Regina. The information is on their website. The early bird deadline will likely be extended. There is money for anyone who wants to attend. James will be the emcee for it. He has also sent in his nomination papers for the SLA President position.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be after the AGM, the date to be determined at the Executive Meeting on March 4, 2023.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM by D. Aubichon.

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