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Pahkisimon Nuyeh'áh Library System Services & Standards Committee Meeting Minutes 3 March 2023

In attendance:

Board: Delilah Aubichon-Chair, Richard Thommes-Vice Chair, Marilyn Fern, Barb Flett, Darlene Morin

Staff: James Hope Howard-Director, Linda Collins-FMOA

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order by D. Aubichon at 4:31PM. The Land Acknowledgement was recited.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed with no changes.

MOTION: PERS-2023-03-03-01

To approve the agenda as presented.

**B. Flett/ L. Custer
/Carried**

3. Approval of Minutes, 9 December 2022

The minutes were reviewed and there were no changes.

MOTION: PERS-2023-03-03-02

To approve the minutes of 9 December 2022 as presented.

**L. Custer/B. Flett
/Carried**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Provincial Indigenous Subject Headings Group

There have been a couple of meetings in the last while and once it reaches the SILS level, we will then get involved.

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4.2 SaskPower Northern Reading Program 2023

The Northern Reading Program has finished up. We are doing the final tallies and will get the winner declared. Wandering Willie and the trophy will go out for a visit.

The third instalment of the three year grant from SK Power has been received, and we will need to apply for the next grant.

4.3 Aboriginal Storytelling Month 2023

There were four communities that participated. We are waiting on the receipts to get to us for payment.

This was the 20th year of Aboriginal Storytelling.

The launch was streamed and recorded by Martin Roy.

4.4 PNLS Strategic Planning, 2023

The strategic planning facilitator is not available, so we will find another. We are trying to coordinate it with the Northern Libraries Conference in October.

5. Ongoing Business

5.1 Member Library Workbees & Inventories

Stanley Mission has asked for help in April.

Grandmother's Bay will have help whenever we can coordinate the time with them.

5.2 Member Library Staffing Updates

Joan Kidd from Gordon Denny is retiring

We have Roseanne Dery coming from Churchill as our Teacher Librarian, so her job will be listed.

Nick Anderson left and they have a new person in Buffalo Narrows.

5.3 Member Library Annual General Meetings (AGMs)

The majority should be done by the end of March, and hopefully almost all will be done before our AGM in April.

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5.4 PNLS Information Presentations & Training Sessions

5.4.1 Northlands College Presentation, March 6

James will be doing a presentation to Northlands College. He will be showing CreativeBug, NORTEP collection, the digital references and all sorts of other items.

5.5 PNLS Makerspace Kits & Programming

There is about \$6,000 to \$7,000 for the budget to upgrade what we have. We will find other items to add to the collection. The SUMA and SARM conferences will likely have other items that are available.

5.6 Ongoing Member Library Technology Improvement Funding

We have put \$800 per library as a matching amount for upgrades.

We will also look at their amounts for shipping and postage. The libraries have been running into overages.

The link to the shipping tool has broken with the last update, so we are not seeing the amount that is being used. They are aware of the problem and are working to get it fixed.

6. New Business

6.1 Summer Literacy Camp 2023 Planning

6.1.1 PLLO Literacy Camp Materials Procurement Grant

Flo Woods contacted James regarding a procurement grant for us to purchase books on their behalf.

Penguin Random House does not sell directly to the government, but because we are a partner with the literacy camps, we can do it and will get \$20,000 for the books and \$2,000 for administration costs.

6.2 TD Summer Reading Club 2023 Planning

This should be up and running now. Materials for the Summer Reading Club should be arriving in the next month or so and we can distribute them when they arrive.

We are not sure if there will be a tour yet.

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6.3 PNLS 2023 Northern Library Conference Planning

We will book the Coronet in Prince Albert for the Northern Library Conference. It will be set for October 9-13. We will be starting soon to get speakers, and displays.

There has been about \$20,000 allocated for this in the budget.

There was a small number of feedback forms back from the last year conference.

7. Policy Review and Approval

There have been no policies to review.

8. Other Business

There has been \$30,000 extra allocated to the Archives for a part time person to work with Graham, and to help him and possibly take over for him when he retires.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be after the AGM.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06PM.

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