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Pahkisimon Nuyeháh Library System Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes September 15, 2023

Attending:

Board: Delilah Aubichon-Chair, Richard Thommes-Vice Chair, Barb Flett, Shirley Martin

Staff: James Hope Howard-Director, Lisa Ulriksen-Assistant Director, Linda Collins- FMOA & Recorder

Regrets: Darlene Morin, Michelle Gale

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order by D. Aubichon at 3:01 PM. The Land Acknowledgment was recited.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed with no additions or changes.

MOTION: ADV-2023-09-15-01

B. Flett/S. Martin

To approve the agenda as presented.

/ Carried

3. Approval of Minutes, 21 July 2023

The minutes of 21 July 2023 were reviewed with no errors or omissions. James went through the promotional items for the Northern Libraries Conference, that will be available for giveaways, and for milestone years of service. Serena did a full inventory of branded merchandise so we can replenish as needed.

CreativeBug is now under the supplemental databases, meaning that we will have access at a lower rate, and we will save money on this database.

MOTION: ADV-2023-01-15-02

B. Flett/R. Thommes

To approve the minutes as presented. / Carried

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4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 PNLS Website Governance Section Updated

The Governance section of the PNLS website has been updated with the most up to date signed minutes. The 2022 AGM minutes have been uploaded.

4.2 Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Project Delayed to 2024

Due to a shortage of employees during the summer, the contractor that was expected to do the walkway has asked that the work be moved to Spring of 2024.

5. Ongoing Business

5.1 PNLS Branded Items / Stationary / Merchandise / Etc.

In addition to the regular branded items and stationary items, James purchased touques and blankets that have our logos. They will be part of the giveaways for the conference.

5.2 Community Outreach Opportunities

5.2.1 Sponsorships and Donations

Roseanne has been working on various sponsorships for the programs for the year. The major one is the Sask Power sponsorship for the Northern Reading Program, worth \$20,000 per year for three years.

5.2.2 Northern Air Travel Take-a-Book-Leave-a-Book Project

We will be looking at the take-a-book, leave-a-book for the Barber Field airport in La Ronge, as well as those for the northern airports. This will be coordinated with Roseanne, and will give her a chance to get out to the various libraries for a meet and greet.

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5.3 PNLS Website and Social Media Updates and Engagement

5.3.1 Website Class Set Display Updates

Lisa and Roseanne have been updated the website with the class sets. There are 185 set available, broken down in categories and class. There have been 35 sets removed and 6 new set added.

The list can be printed off the website for teacher use in the classroom.

Additionally, they have been working on the monthly newsletter for the teachers and librarians.

6. Fundraising Activities and Targets

6.1 SaskPower Northern Reading Program Title Sponsorship, 2024—2027

We have the SaskPower Northern Reading Program sponsorship for the next three years, 2024 to 2027. It will be \$20,000 per year as in the past.

6.1.1 Northern Reading Program Website Planning Ongoing

The Northern Reading Program website has been getting an upgrade, and Roseanne will be contacting Matthew Maurer from Nikik Digital Solutions to help in its development. Wandering Willie will be updated, and the various challenges and contests will be online and interactive.

6.2 SaskPower Northern Reading Program 2024 Sponsorship and Donation Efforts Ongoing

In addition to the SaskPower money, Rosemary has been busy contacting other potential sponsors for the Northern Reading Program.

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6.3 Northern Saskatchewan Archives Fundraiser Book & Merchandise Sale, PNLS Headquarters, July 24—29

The Archives fundraiser and book sale was a success. The books were sorted and categorized by Serena and Brayden. We have the e-transfer available for those who do not carry cash but still want to purchase books, and it works very well. We have used it for the book sales and fundraisers for the last year now.

6.4 Fundraising Sources Brainstorming and Discussion

6.5 Partnership Opportunities Brainstorming and Discussion

In reference to the brainstorming and discussion, please discuss with your libraries and boards to see if there are any opportunities that may be of help.

7. Policy Review and Approval

There are no policies brought forward for review.

8. Other Business

8.1 Northern Librarians Facebook Group (Re-)Established

The northern libraries Facebook page has been re-established and we welcome any teachers, librarians or any others who are library centric.

8.2 System Book Challenge Policy to Be Established

James will be working on a best practice for book challenges for our system.

8.3 Library Card Sign-Up Month (and Bookmark Distribution), September 2023

This is Library Card Sign-up Month. Additionally, we will have bookmarks available for distribution. They will also be available at Marker 47 Cafe in La Ronge.

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9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in conjunction with the next Executive meeting, which will be determined at the Executive meeting September, 16.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by D. Aubichon at 4:04 PM.

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