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Pahkisimon Nuyeh'áh Library System Services & Standards Committee Meeting Minutes 8 December 2023 4:30 P.M.

In Attendance:

Board: Delilah Aubichon – Chair, Richard Thommes – Vice Chair, Alvina Aubichon, Brenda Bird, Shirley Martin, Darlene Morin

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

Regrets: Barb Flett

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order by D. Aubichon at 4:32pm followed by the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed with no additions or changes

MOTION: S&S_2023_12_08_01

S. Martin/R. Thommes

To approve the agenda as presented

/Carried

3. Approval of Minutes, 15 September 2023

The minutes of 15 September 2023 were reviewed with no changes.

MOTION: S&S_2023_12_08_02

R. Thommes/S. Martin

To approve the minutes of 15 September 2023 as presented

/Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 SLA / SPRA / SRPA 2023 Park Pass Partnership Program Final Report

We have not yet received the final report for the Park Pass program, however it seems that it went well.

4.2 Notice Nature 2023 Program Partnership Wrap-up

The Notice Nature program wrapped up and any prize packs that we still have will be available for other programs.

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5. Ongoing Business

5.1 Member Library Workbees & Inventories

5.1.1 LLRIB Sucker River Follett Destiny Migration In Progress

There is still a lot of work that has to be done to get the Sucker River Library migrated to Follett. Lisa has received their computer and is importing their text file to Follett Destiny.

Any new items can be copied from SILS and added to the computer.

5.2 Member Library Staffing Updates

Alex Robertson is looking for staff.

Carol Edquist was away for bereavement leave.

Joan Kidd is still at Gordon Denny. She was expecting to have been retired this year, but it hasn't happened.

Senator Myles Venne has hired a student, Connor Cook, for six months to help Elysia.

5.3 Member Library Year-End Documents and Annual General Meetings (AGMs)

The Member Library Year End documents will be ready to go up on the website soon. We will be updating the Grant Policy documents to show the matching \$10,000.

5.4 PNLS Information Presentations & Training Sessions

5.4.1 Northlands Indigenous Studies Program Virtual Presentation, September 19

James will be busy over the next while doing information sessions. There was a virtual one for the Northlands College Indigenous Studies done and it went very well.

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5.4.2 Cree Teacher Education Program (CTEP) Virtual Presentation, October 3

There was a virtual presentation to CTEP on October 3 to go over what is available to the students through the databases and how to use the library resources.

5.5 PNLS Makerspace Kits & Programming

5.5.1 Book Tasting Event, Alex Robertson Public Library, November 15

Roseanne did a Book Tasting event on November 15. It was a great event.

5.5.2 Glow-Painting Event Kits in Development

There will be kits assembled for Glow Paint events for the schools and libraries.

5.5.3 2024 Early Years Story Sack Development Planning

We will be updating the Early Years Story Sacks along with Kids First North, contingent on us taking over the program.

5.6 Ongoing Member Library Technology Improvement Funding

5.6.1 Member Public Library Computer Upgrade (Windows 11) Procurement Budgeting in Progress

We have a quote from Dell for \$18,000 for new computers. We will purchase one for each Member Library, tentatively scheduled for March 2024. This is in anticipation of issues that we will likely have with LEAP upgrade to the cloud, and the ability to have it sync up with the printers. Currently, we are working on Windows 10, and we will need to upgrade to 11 in order for the printers to integrate.

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6. New Business

6.1 PNLS 2023 Northern Library Conference Evaluation Results

We tabulated the evaluations of the conference, with very good reviews. The entire conference came to 4.67 out of 5.

The SLA will be purchased as an institutional membership going forward. It was difficult trying to get everyone on board for payment, and many were missed, so it is easier that as a region we are able to have everyone under our membership. If there are any conferences, or other activities that come up through the SLA, everyone will be eligible to participate.

We have a Non-Profit Canva program that is available for about 50 more emails if there is anyone interested.

6.2 PNLS 2024 Northern Reading Program Planning

6.2.1 SaskPower Title Sponsorship Update, 2024—2027

We have SaskPower as our sponsor for the next three years, with the first of three payments coming in January 2024.

6.2.2 SaskPower Northern Reading Program 2024 Sponsorships and Donations

We have a number of other businesses that will be donating money to the NRP. It will be used for the cost of the website and maintenance.

6.2.3 Northern Reading Program Website Planning Ongoing

We are still working on the website. Matthew Maurer from Nikik Digital Solutions in La Ronge will be doing the work on this.

6.3 LSSAP Aboriginal Storytelling Month, February 2024

LSSAP will be doing a direct application and reimbursement for the launch of Aboriginal Storytelling Month.

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6.4 Multitype Library Board Saskatchewan Indigenous Subject Headings (SK ISH) Listings Launch, November 13

This has been going on for a number of years, gathering information, and updating the subject headings of indigenous materials.

On November 13, the excel file was released and will be rolling through SILS in the New Year. As each subject is updated in the system, the new headings will be updated and the old headings will be cleared out of the system.

6.5 La Ronge & Area Family Literacy Hub Funding Transfer (Tentatively April 1, 2024)

The Literacy Hub is funded by the provincial government but the current funding agency doesn't have the capacity to continue the work. We are looking at taking over and this will give us an additional \$65,000 for the program.

7. Policy Review and Approval

7.1 Member Library Grant Distribution Policy

We had gone through all of the policies and finally found the Grant Distribution Policy. We will be updating the language and the matching amount to \$10,000 for 2024 and going forward. Those Member Libraries that do not have the grants from previous years due to missing paperwork will be eligible for the \$18421.05 and will get their allocation once the paperwork and their AGM's are completed.

MOTION: S&S_2023_12_08_03

B. Bird/S. Martin

To approve the updated Grant Distribution Policy as presented.

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8. Other Business

There is no other business at this time.

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9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be determined at the Executive meeting, December 9, 2023.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29pm by D. Aubichon.

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