



Pahkisimon Nuyeh'áh Library System

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Pahkisimon Nuyeh'áh Library System Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes 15 March 2024

In Attendance:

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

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

Regrets: Michelle Gale, Darlene Morin

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order at 3: 14pm followed by the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed with no changes.

MOTION: ADV_2023_03_15_01

To approve the agenda as presented.

B. Flett/S. Martin

/Carried

3. Approval of Minutes, 8 December 2023

The minutes of 8 December 2023 were reviewed. There were no changes.

MOTION: ADV_2023_03_15_02

To approve the minutes of 8 December 2023 as presented.

S. Martin/ B. Flett

/Carried

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 PNLS Website Governance Section Updated

Now that the minutes of December have been approved, they will be uploaded to the website governance section after this meeting.

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4.2 System Book Challenge Policy to Be Established

There will be a book challenge policy put into place which will be good for 2-5 years. Any challenges will only be accepted from those people in our region, and it will be limited to only one book per person at a time.

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

We have not done any travel yet to the north to establish the take a book, leave a book project.

4.4 Northern Librarians Facebook Group Ongoing

The Northern Libraries Facebook group has been put into place and has been well accepted. It has a lot of activity.

4.5 2024 SaskPower Northern Reading Program (NRP)

The Northern Reading Program for 2024 has finished for the year. It went very well, and the interactive website was a great hit. The winners will be entered to the site as soon as possible. There will be enhancements, hopefully a partnership with the Saskatchewan Riders, and incorporate the Willow Awards and engagement with the Saskatchewan Writer's Guild. The Wandering Willie mascot will be used on promotional items on a broader spectrum.

5. Ongoing Business

5.1 PNLS Branded Items / Stationary / Merchandise / Etc.

5.1.1 PNLS Executive & Headquarters Staff Branded Jackets

There have been no jackets on sale for a while, but we are still looking.

5.2 Community Outreach Opportunities

5.2.1 Sponsorships and Donations

We were approached by the La Ronge Fire Department through Community Safety Net to do a sponsorship of fire safety booklets. They will have our logo on them and will

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be available shortly for distribution throughout the communities.

OurSask.Info is a website for RM's, and will be doing a community calendar. We will look at this down the road.

5.3 PNLS Website and Social Media Updates and Engagement

This site is being updated on a regular basis, including showing the Archives open house from February.

The AGM information has been updated on the website with all the particulars.

5.4 PNLS Pages Monthly Newsletter

The website has the current and previous newsletters available for download and printing as needed by anyone. It is encouraged that the newsletter be printed and distributed to the schools.

6. Fundraising Activities and Targets

6.1 Fundraising Sources Brainstorming and Discussion

There is not a lot of money available for fundraising, however we are still looking. The most current is the Enabling Accessibility grant. It will be done as soon as possible.

6.2 Partnership Opportunities Brainstorming and Discussion

We have entered into a partnership, which will launch on April 2, with Northern Sports, Culture and Recreation to have sports items available to be borrowed. We will need a catchy name for the program, and will possibly take some to the Children's Festival and other events throughout the year.

Notice Nature and the Park Passes will be done again this year.

7. Policy Review and Approval

There will be no other policies brought to the table until after the AGM.

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8. Other Business

8.1 Saskatchewan Library Association Booth, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) 2024 Convention, March 13 & 14

James attended the SARM convention as our representative and as the President of SLA. It went very well.

8.2 Saskatchewan Library Association 2024 Conference, DoubleTree Hotel Regina, May 2 & 3

The SLA Conference will be held in Regina on May 2 and 3 at the Doubletree hotel. Roseanne will be doing a presentation on CANVA. James will not be the emcee this year because he is the president.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be after the AGM, to determine the board members who want to be part of this committee.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm by D. Aubichon.

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