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Pahkisimon Nuyeháh Library System Services & Standards Committee Meeting Minutes 15 March 2024

In Attendance:

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

Staff: James Hope Howard – Director, Lisa Ulriksen – 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 4:32 by D. Aubichon, followed by the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed with no changes.

MOTION: S & S_2024_03_15_01

To approve the agenda as presented

R. Thommes/B. Flett
/Carried

3. Approval of Minutes, 8 December 2023

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

MOTION: S & S_2024_03_15_02

To approve minutes of 8 December 2023 as presented **/Carried**

B. Bird/R. Thommes

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

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

There were 1200 park passes available this year across all regions, including the regional libraries.

There were ads on MBC to increase awareness of the program.

The passes were circulated in excess of 7000 times, which is really good.

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The program will continue again next year.

In the feedback, there were many who asked whether the provincial parks would be available for the same type of program, however that would necessitate an agreement with the provincial government.

4.2 La Ronge & Area Family Literacy Hub Funding Transfer (Tentatively June 1, 2024)

We have a draft version of the contract for the Family Literacy Hub. There is a lot of reporting involved with this position. The original position was a $\frac{3}{4}$ time, however, we have been able to fund the other part to make it full-time, and will be able to send the materials across our whole region.

It will need to go through an Order-In-Council. Once this happens, we can get our position filled.

5. Ongoing Business

5.1 Member Library Workbees & Inventories

5.1.1 LLRIB Sucker River Follett Destiny Migration

The migration to Follett Destiny went well for Sucker River. There have been no follow-up issues. Roseanne and Lisa have been doing webinars to get familiar with the MARC records and cataloguing.

5.2 Member Library Staffing Updates

There have been some new people hired over the past couple of months.

Alex Robertson has hired Harriet Roy as a casual worker.

Kirsten Kehler is at Keethanow Library.

Beauval hired a new person on a temporary basis.

Josephine Custer from Pelican was supposed to have been on a term position until December 2023, but is still there.

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

We have a number of the AGM's done for the public libraries. Ile a La Crosse, and Creighton will be done the week of March 27th. Keethanow is still looking at a date. She is trying to find more board members.

We still have no paperwork from Senator Myles Venne, Dave O'Hara, Peayamechikee, Ayamicikiwikamik, or Tawowikamik. Montreal Lake has a phone app that we can potentially use for getting information to the library.

5.4 PNLS Information Presentations & Training Sessions

We have nothing coming up in the next while. James has not yet heard about the literacy camps training, but that is usually in June.

5.5 PNLS Makerspace Kits & Programming

5.5.1 2024 Early Years Story Sack Development Planning

We will partner the Kids First North for the Early Years story sacks. Any that they have on hand will be kept there, and we will develop others after we get the funding, and keep them at PNLS for distribution.

5.6 Ongoing Member Library Technology Improvement Funding

5.6.1 Member Public Library Computer Upgrade (Window11) Procurement Budgeting

We have budgeted for a new computer for each of the public libraries to the Windows 11 operating system. Polaris is not yet ready for the upgrade to Leap; however, we will be ready when it is brought online.

6. New Business

6.1 PNLS 2024 Northern Reading Program (NRP)

The Northern Reading Program for 2024 had finished up and the new online interactive presence was well received. There will be some changes to be made to the site for next year.

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6.2 LSSAP Aboriginal Storytelling Month, February 2024

Aboriginal Storytelling Month has concluded. We do not have the results yet. The personal information of the speakers, including the topics they presented, will be available for future speaking dates.

6.3 Northern Saskatchewan Archives Open House, Archives Week 2024, February 5–9

The Archives Open House was a great success. It was available for a week, and had 130-140 people that signed in, so it was likely many more. Roseanne had schools make appointments to come by, and the media did articles in La Ronge Now, and Prince Albert Daily Herald.

Graham has been doing a rotating display at Alex Robertson over the last few months, so some these collections will be available there.

6.4 Alex Robertson Public Library 2024 Harold Johnson 'Change Your Story' Grant Presentation, February 16

We have been collecting the donations for the Harold Johnson Grant, and they have now made a presentation of \$500.00 to Anne Hrynuik. Lisa went to represent PNLS.

We will still do the collection of the grant because we can give charitable donation receipts for any amount over \$10.00.

6.5 2024 TD Summer Reading Club (TDSRC) Planning

Storywalk supplies, kits, and other information have been ordered and will be sent out to the libraries when we get these items. The theme has not yet been published.

6.6 2024 Notice Nature Program Planning

We will go through the giveaways that the libraries still have on hand, and will update as needed for the 2024 year.

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7. Policy Review and Approval

We have no other policies to review until after the AGM.

8. Other Business

Add Montreal Lake app to Montreal Lake page on PNLS website.

Line up spots for information on radio stations. Particularly good for launching programs and AGM's.

Beauval has an information page to check out.

Add/edit apps page.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will coincide with AGM.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by D. Aubichon at 5:26pm.

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