

**WETASKIWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday April 21, 2009

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Library Program Room

CHAIRPERSON: Marilyn Keller

Present: Marilyn Keller  
Barbara Macdonald Angela Greenidge  
Deb Ferguson Bill Elliot  
Carla Frybort (staff) Heather Willner (staff)

Excused: Fred Hollands Carol Anderson

Absent: Lionel Desharnais Jason Tran

Marilyn Keller called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

1. Approval of Agenda  
Greenidge/Ferguson moved that the agenda be approved as amended.  
**Motion carried.**
2. Approval of minutes of the March Regular Board Meeting  
Elliot/Macdonald moved that the minutes be approved as presented.  
**Motion carried.**
3. Unfinished business
  - 3.1
  - 3.2
4. New business/added items
  - 4.1 Library newspaper article  
Marilyn presented the latest newspaper articles about the Library concerning Computer Usage in the Library. Carla responded that our Policy as of 2001 hasn't changed. Children under the age of 16 must have their parent/guardian come in to the Library and sign the permission form allowing them to use the Public Access Computers. In the last 7 years very few instances have occurred. The 2 computers in the Children's area have no internet access, so parents can feel safe letting their children use these computers. Marilyn was visiting in Lacombe and their Public Library uses filters on the Public Access Computers and a person can't even research furnaces. Bill stated that as a City Council

member, it is best not to reply. Deb also recommended not to respond to the articles, that it would only add fuel to the fire.

#### 4.2 Connecting to the Friends of the Library group

Discussion was held on ways of staying connected with our Friends of the Library Group. The Friends of the Library meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm in the Library. If it was possible for a board member to attend they would, but it wasn't something to be guaranteed. A letter would be sent to the Friends of the Library stating the Library Board would send a copy of the Board's Minutes to the Friends executive for their meetings and to ask if they could send the Board a copy of their minutes for the Board meetings. Marilyn and Carla will draft the letter.

#### 4.3 Board meeting times

Discussion was held on whether to continue holding meetings at 5:00 pm or to start them later. Consensus was to review this again in the Fall.

#### 4.4 Provincial Increase in Funding

The Provincial Government announced a Funding Increase to be given to Libraries. There will be an increase in money going to the Regional Library Systems. For WPL, we usually received \$47,851 and will now be receiving \$63,034. There will be changes made to the per capita funding, possibly a flat rate, more details will be reviewed. The extra \$15,000 may be put into reserves as we have already set our budget for the year 2009.

### 5. Librarian's Reports –

Carla presented her report. The Summer Reading Program position has been offered to a student who will be coming in to do the paperwork for the position. Health & Safety --- there have been no major incidences in the last couple of weeks. Smoking area --- an ashtray vs. cigarette butts outside the door. Carla will talk to Bob, the Bylaw officer and also see what other City Departments do and check into signage for the no smoking area.

### 6. Committee Reports

#### 6.1 Fundraising and PR – Marilyn Keller

##### 6.1.1 Tradeshow information

Thank you to all the members who helped at the Tradeshow and also to Carla for being there both Friday and Saturday. It was considered a success, as Carla received an application and a volunteer enquiry.

##### 6.1.2 Set meeting date

Next meeting – May 12 @ 6 p.m. in Program Room

#### 6.2 Plan of service/Policy –

##### 6.2.1 No meeting

Next meeting: To be set @ May's Board Meeting

6.3 Finance - no report.

6.3.1

6.4 Board Development Committee

6.4.1 No meeting – still developing

7. YRL Report –

7.1 Carla mentioned that with the pending negotiations there will be some noticeable changes. Next YRL meeting is in June

8. Correspondence

9. Action List

10. In camera items

Elliott/Ferguson moves to go in Camera @ 5:50 pm

10.1 Librarian Evaluation

Elliott/Ferguson moves to go out of Camera @ 6:08 pm

11. Next meeting: May 26, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.

12. Adjournment

Angela Greenidge moved that the meeting be adjourned at PM.

**Motion Carried**

Chairman

Secretary

Date

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