



WEST VANCOUVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES For the meeting of April 15, 2009 Storyhouse

Present: P. Tutsch [Chair], M. Bergen, B. Carter, R. Day, K. Farquharson,
R. Foucault, H. Greenwood, S. Parrott, F. Patterson

Regrets: A. Hamilton, S. Walker

Staff: A. Goodhart, L. Henderson, L. Breen

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Under item 8 Liaison Reports, R. Foucault requested the addition of c) InterLINK and F. Patterson requested the addition of d) Friends.

It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Minutes

It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT the Minutes of the Library Board meeting held March 18, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from Minutes

As the Park Royal Ad Hoc Committee originally suggested at the February meeting has not yet been convened. H. Greenwood requested the topic be discussed under item 10 New Business.

5. Councillor Michael Evison

P. Tutsch introduced Councillor Michael Evison who is the Chair of the Arts and Culture Working Group. Councillor Evison informed the Board that the Working Group has been discussing the development of a comprehensive arts and culture master plan. He wanted to meet the Trustees to talk about the importance of the Library in the plan as well as discuss the possibility of collaboration amongst the cultural facilities.

The Chair thanked Councillor Evison for taking the time to come to the Board meeting.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Report of the Director of Library Services

A. Goodhart advised the Trustees that she will not be at the May Board meeting as she will be on vacation.

The District has organized a Strategic Planning information session for the public on Saturday, April 25 at the Library on the former Reference level. The renovation plans for the floor will be on display for the public to see when they attend the meeting. On May 1, there will be an information session for the staff.

The Olympic library card design has been submitted to VANOC and is awaiting approval. The CAO thought the Olympic design should also be considered for the other membership cards issued by the District.

With reference to the written report, F. Patterson praised the multicultural services the Library is providing to caregivers as it is in accordance with our Mission Statement.

8. Liaison Reports

a) Foundation

P. Tutsch discussed ways in which the Trustees could promote the Mallet Masters Croquet Tournament, such as putting posters up around the community and recruiting teams. The Board also discussed making a donation for a group auction item.

b) Council Update

P. Tutsch reported on behalf of Councillor Walker who was unable to attend the meeting. She advised the Chair that the 2009 Budget had been passed and that the District was now moving forward on the Strategic Planning process.

c) InterLINK

R. Foucault attended a meeting on March 31. Michael Burris, the Executive Director, made a presentation. The Executive Summary and Reports are in the Library Board's Pink Folder. The audited Financial Statements were also presented.

InterLINK is developing a Strategic Plan and S. Parrott is on the Planning Committee. R. Foucault also shared news from some of the other libraries.

The Chair thanked S. Parrott and R. Foucault for representing the Library at the InterLINK meetings.

d) Friends

F. Patterson reported that the Friends of the Library are now making \$2,000.00 a month since they expanded the shelving around the Book Cart.

9. Committee Reports

a) Advocacy

Two provincial All-Candidates meetings have been arranged. The West Vancouver-Capilano meeting is scheduled for May 5 in Park Royal North and West Vancouver-Garibaldi is on May 7 at Gleneagles Community Centre. Once all the details have been finalized, the Trustees will be advised accordingly.

The Chair thanked the Committee for organizing the meetings.

b) Green

K. Farquharson distributed the Committee's April 6, 2009 meeting minutes. She reviewed the information with the Trustees. In addition, A. Goodhart informed the Board that the Library's Staff Green Committee will be making a presentation at the BCLA Conference on the "Greening of Your Library".

The Chair thanked K. Farquharson for her report.

c) Finance

B. Carter distributed the First Quarter Report. Expenses are 2% above 25% due to timing issues and there is a slight decline in revenue, however there is nothing of concern. The grants and donations will be received later this year.

The Chair thanked B. Carter for his report.

10. New Business

a) BCLTA Proposed Changes

The BCLTA submitted a proposal to all the Library Boards to change its membership dues and Constitution and Bylaws. The Chair of the Burnaby Public Library Board wrote a letter to the President of the BCLTA opposing the following changes:

- Quorum for General Meetings changed to 10% voting members to no less than 12 voting representatives present and in person.
- Proxy Voting provision added to allow member boards to appoint a trustee from another member board to carry the institution's vote(s) on all matters considered at General and Special meetings of the Association.
- Proposed increases to the BCLTA membership fees.

P. Tutsch will be attending the BCLTA AGM on April 18 on behalf of the Board to vote on these changes and asked the Trustees for their comments. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that:

- There was no issue with the change in the Quorum.
- The proxy voting provision needed clarification.
- The BCLTA membership dues should be in accordance with the tax base and that there should be no cap on the fees for the larger libraries.

b) Ad Hoc Committee

The Ad Hoc Committee will be looking at joint ventures between Park Royal Shopping Centre and the Library that will benefit both parties. The Committee members will be Rick Amantea and Cindy Papa from Park Royal and H. Greenwood, F. Patterson and A. Goodhart from the Library.

11. Public Questions

None

12. Date and Place of Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2009, Storyhouse

13. Adjournment

It was duly moved and seconded:

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

All documents discussed or distributed at the meeting are available for perusal upon request.