

December 2010

The December meeting of the Fort Frances Public Library Board was held in the Library on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: J. Cunningham, A. Georgeson, R. Schulz, S. Tibbs, R. Wiedenhoef, A. Zucchiatti, Manager of Community Services G. Bell and Secretary-Treasurer M. Sedgwick.

Regrets: T. Drysdale

1. New Board New Board members Robert Schulz, Sharon Tibbs, and Rick Wiedenhoef were welcome to the Board

Action: M. Sedgwick will change the library's website to include the list of new Board members and will inform OLA of the changes.

2. Election MOTION #1: A. Georgeson moved to nominate Joyce Cunningham as Board Chairperson. Seconded by A. Zucchiatti. Carried.

Joyce Cunningham agreed to let her name stand. No other nominations were forthcoming. J. Cunningham was elected Chair.

At this point in the meeting, J. Cunningham assumed the role of Chairperson.

MOTION #2: A. Zucchiatti moved to nominate Arlene Georgeson as Vice-Chair. Arlene was elected Vice-Chair.

3. Conflict of Interest There were no declarations of conflict of interest at this time.

4. Agenda The agenda was amended to include:  
8 e. Board Training  
f. Polar Plunge  
g. Information Report ( A. Georgeson)  
h. Volunteer Monitors

5. Minutes MOTION #3: A. Zucchiatti moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2010 as submitted. Seconded by A. Georgeson. Carried.

Bill 168 was deferred to the February meeting.

Action: M. Sedgwick will distribute copies of Bill 168 in January.  
M. Sedgwick and G. Bell will present up-to-date new building financial and pledge reports at the February meeting.

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The Fees & Fines schedule for 2011 has been submitted to Town Council.  
The charges for interdepartmental use of the Shaw Community Hub will be added to the January 2011 agenda.

6. Orientation Board members were given an orientation package including minutes from the 2 previous meetings, list of library acronyms, library budget, recent policies, the recently adopted Memorandum of Agreement with the Town of Fort Frances, Strategic Plan, Ontario Public Libraries Act, and other pertinent library documents including OLBA's Leadership by Design document 'Cut to the Chase'. J. Cunningham explained how to use Cut to the Chase, an invaluable tool for effective library governance.

Notice of Motion: At the January meeting, a motion will be presented to amend Byl-4 paragraph 3 to read: The Board shall hold regular meetings once a month for at least 10 months each year and other times as it considers necessary.

7. Meetings Library Board meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m., meetings to adjourn by 5 p.m.

Several Board members requested paper copies of agenda packages.

8. FOPL The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries has prepared a new provincial funding model. FOPL is seeking feedback from Federation members with a membership vote on the recommendations expected to take place at their Annual General Meeting on February 2, 2011.

Board members were asked to provide input to J. Cunningham prior to January 26, 2011.

MOTION #4: R. Wiedenhoeft moved to renew our membership to FOPL for 2011.  
Seconded by A. Georgeson. Carried.

9. Finances MOTION #5: A. Zucchiatti moved to accept the financial report for November 2010.  
Seconded by S. Tibbs. Carried.

10. Training OLS-N has requested that the Fort Frances Public Library host a regional Board Training session.

Action: M. Sedgwick will contact OLS-N to agree to host a training session.

Board members were encouraged to check the OLS-N webpage for other webinars.

11. Polar Plunge J. Cunningham reminded Board members of the Voyageur Lion's annual Polar Plunge on January 1. Part of the proceeds from the event are earmarked for the Voyageur Lion's pledge to the library for adaptive technology.

12. Volunteers M. Sedgwick reported that students from the Law Enforcement class at Seven Generations have volunteered to be at the library during major sporting events at the Memorial Sports Centre.
13. Information A. Georgeson announced that M. Sedgwick is the recipient of OLBA's W. J. Robertson Medallion for Public Librarian of the Year.
14. Information The Activity Report for November was received.  
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A Christmas concert will be held in the library on Tuesday, December 21 featuring the Borderland Community Orchestra.
15. Adjournment MOTION #7: R. Schulz moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.