



Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 22, 2023

The Count of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity and empowers lifelong learning.

Date: February 22, 2023

Place: via Zoom

Present: Kari Raymer Bishop, Paula Chorpitta, Nathan Etherington, Christine Garneau, Fred Gladding, Amanda Henderson, Steve Howes, Marilyn Sewell, Linda Tripp

Regrets: David Bailey

Staff: Kelly Bernstein, Steph Burchill

Call to Order: F. Gladding in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: P. Chorpitta

Seconded by: M. Sewell

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature of

None

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: L. Tripp

Seconded by: N. Etherington

THAT the minutes of the January 25, 2022, be approved as presented.

Carried

Business Arising

K. Bernstein shared the New Main Branch Open House went well, and the online engagement tool is accessible from the library webpage. Meeting with Construction Management firm CSL Inc. to discuss cost estimates is upcoming. K. Bernstein is pursuing federal grant programs.

Consent Items to be Received – Communications

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: S. Howes

THAT the February Safety Talk and the January 2023 JHSC Minutes be received as information.

Carried

Library Board Development

The OLA Superconference Library Board Bootcamp was attended by several board members. They found the sessions informative and look forward to possibly attending in person in the future.

Neurodiversity in the library was discussed. The importance of welcoming spaces in the new build was highlighted.

Submissions for Board Development

F. Gladding reminded Board members that they can bring subjects forward.

Reports

K. Bernstein provided a verbal report on output measures to January 31, 2022. Monthly statistics are maintaining a solid growth rate. A slight decrease in adult program attendance was noted. K. Bernstein summarized the monthly Operating Statement and advised that a small surplus for 2022 is anticipated. Final numbers will be available in March. Allyson Luszczyk was the successful candidate for the Paris Branch circulation staff posting. Something for Everyone highlighted the upcoming One Book, One Brant selection.

P. Chorpitta reported Facility updates.

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: K. Raymer Bishop

THAT the reports be received for information.

Carried

The Donations Policy (draft) and the Inclusion and Diversity Policy (draft) were presented for approval.

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: K. Raymer Bishop

THAT the Donation Policy and the Inclusion and Diversity Policy be approved as presented.

Carried

New Business

None.

Council Updates

S. Howes and C. Garneau shared news and information from County Council with the Board.

Next Meeting

March 22, 2023 at 7pm, at the Paris Branch.

Adjournment

L. Tripp moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm.

Meeting adjourned