



WHISTLER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 @ 5:30 pm
Library Community Room
MINUTES

Attending:

Bevin Heath Ansley (Chair)
Allison Winkle
Celia Utley
Josie Chuback
Kathleen Graham
Kelly Gartshore
Mandy Rousseau
Ralph Forsyth
Sharon Schrul
Tina Young
Elizabeth Tracy

Regrets:

Curtis Collins

050. Call to Order

Traditional Territories Acknowledgement Statement by Josie

100. Approval of Agenda

Motion: That the Agenda be approved as amended

Moved: Allison

Seconded: Josie

Approved Unanimously

200. Approval of the Minutes of January 9, 2019

Motion: That the Minutes be approved

Moved: Kathleen

Seconded: Kelly

Approved Unanimously

250. Public Comments

300. Consent Agenda:

Make an Impact

- Chair Report
- Committee members report
- Executive Committee terms of reference

**Motion to approve*

Motion: That the reports be received
Moved: Josie
Seconded: Celia
Approved unanimously

400. Business Arising from Reports

500. New Business

Make Life Better

501. WPL Dashboard highlights

Elizabeth gave an overview of the events that happened and those to come.

502. Board Goals & Responsibilities for 2019

Bevin explained that the document clarifies the responsibilities of the Board members.

503. Committees for 2019

Bevin asked each committee to set 2 or 3 solid goals, then send them to the executive committee so they can review them and put a document together.

504. Trustee Emeritus Recommendation - Bevin

Background: a past Board member suggested and is interested in an emeritus position. A person holding trustee emeritus status would receive the minutes, attend board meetings but not vote, and may provide time to pursue matters using their experience to free up others to do other work. Trustee emeritus is an honorary title conveyed by a governing board upon a former trustee of an institution to recognize exemplary service. It usually signifies an ongoing relationship with the trustee, typically as an ambassador of the organization:

<https://www.agb.org/trusteeship/2015/julyaugust/what-is-the-role-of-a-trustee-emeritus>

Discussion: The suggestion was considered at the Executive Meeting on January 29, 2019 and here are some preliminary thoughts:

- we need to have some definition of “exemplary service” to be able to consider who might merit the appointment and be able and willing to take on the role
- there needs to be some structure developed for the appointment process, length of appointment, and delineation of role to name a few key considerations
- past board members can volunteer now on committees, projects and activities without having emeritus status
- we are also interested in seeking new volunteers to join committees, projects and activities as a potential recruitment strategy as well as for recognition
- Bevin has followed up with the past Board member to explain the evolving process inviting them to join activities now.

Next step: Josie as Chair of Human Resources indicated that the committee will consider this broader idea and they will prioritize it with their other workload when they meet to set their goals and work plan.

Some Board members wondered how they can benefit from this.

Make an Impact

505. Fundraising initiatives – Rotary, RMOW budget

Bevin was happy to say that the library space improvement has been included in the municipal budget.

Elizabeth mentioned that she and Chelsea will make a presentation to the Rotary members, looking for a sponsor for the “wonder lab” at the library

506. Policy Manual Review - Elizabeth

Policy 300 – Library Board

The policy was accepted without changes.

600. Old Business

Make Life Better

601. Cornucopia 2018 information – Fundraising Committee

Nothing new to report

602. Fundraising Think Tank meeting – next steps – Fundraising Committee

602. (a) Motion:

Moved by Kathleen Graham that the Board approve payment from the TD account in the amount of \$1050 (and not to exceed a total of \$1500) to the consultant Caroline Bagnall for facilitating the community consultation meeting to support development of the 3 to 4 year long term fundraising strategy.

Moved: Kathleen

Seconded: Sharon

Approved unanimously

Mandy gave an overview of the meeting which included Sue Adams, from Community Foundation of Whistler and Chris Wrightson, from Zero Ceiling. She also mentioned that having members of the Friends of the library present was very positive.

Caroline will be sending a summary of the meeting before the end of February.

603. Recognition of First Nations

Rod Tindall, a past board member, challenged us to consider how we acknowledge and take purposeful action to respect our First Nations. Based on earlier board discussion and brainstorming at the Executive meeting, we have developed the following steps for this year:

1. Different board members will read the acknowledgement at the beginning each board meeting so more of us are actively participating and we will hear it in many voices.
2. Elizabeth will share examples of library staff activities to support our general goal of inclusiveness and specifically our relationship with Squamish Lil'Wat Cultural Center (SLCC).
3. Elizabeth will invite a representative from SLCC to bring an annual formal welcome to start one of our meetings and to continue building our collaboration with SLCC.
4. We will revisit these steps at the end of the year to consider how effective we have been and to consider possible next steps.

Bevin asked to bring back some suggestions and said that it should be revisited in the July meeting.

700. Possible agenda items for future meeting

Make an Impact

- Board Goals for 2019

Make Life Better

- Fundraising strategies and plans

800. For information:

- WPL Friends meeting minutes

Next Meetings:

- Executive – Tuesday, February 26 , 2019 @ 4:00 PM – LD Office
- Board – Wednesday, March 6, 2019 @ 5:30 PM – Community Room

900. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned

Moved: Kathleen

Seconded: Kelly

Approved unanimously