

Emo Public Library  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 6:02pm  
Present: Harold McQuaker, Phil Schram, Lisa Teeple, Marie-Ann DeGroot, Kim Veldhuisen, Nick Donaldson (Librarian), and Crystal Gray (CAO/Clerk – Township of Emo). Tamara Robson arrived at 6:08pm.  
Regrets: Elaine Hughes
2. There was no conflict of interest declared
3. Quorum: 6/7
4. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Harold, seconded by Phil. Lisa asked that Librarian Orientation be added under New Business-CARRIED
5. Motion to approve the April 24<sup>th</sup> minutes was made by Kim, seconded by Phil-CARRIED
6. Motion to accept the April financial report was made by Harold, seconded by Marie-Ann-CARRIED
  
7. Librarian's Report: The library saw 358 patrons and 488 items were circulated in April. 473 e-books and e-audiobooks were borrowed and 30 patrons accessed the internet at the library. Updates to the yard included removing the black tarp from under the picnic tables that had gotten roughed up and ugly as well as moving two planters from the middle of the lawn to either side of the south door. This was done by Town staff and much appreciated. The library was successful in getting the Canada Summer Jobs grant and will be using it to hopefully hire a summer student after two years without one.
  
8. The librarian has passed along a letter to the Thrift Shop asking for a monetary donation. It was reported that Crystal had also sent a letter to Rainy River First Nation as they needed it before their next meeting.
  
9. There was discussion on an agreement with the Rainy River Public Library from 2012-2013 that their Board wanted to discuss and possibly re-implement. The agreement outlined a partnership that would have eventually lead to the two libraries sharing materials, patrons, and certain resources. The Librarian guessed this agreement was hampered by RRPL switching to a different Integrated Library System – something that still makes this very difficult logistically. It was decided that our reciprocal borrowing agreement is enough for now, especially as the RRPL is finding a new location and is not currently set up for this kind of partnership. Phil made a motion to send a letter to the RRPL Board informing them of the decision, seconded by Tamara-CARRIED

10. Lisa explained that because the Librarian was brought on during a tumultuous time because of the pandemic, staff changes, and very limited training it may be a good idea to meet and sort out anything that was missed. Crystal agreed to meet with the Librarian to discuss what is needed and Lisa and Elaine will also attend.
  
11. There was discussion on holding a fundraising drive for the spring. A letter written by the librarian can be sent to local businesses asking for monetary support and tax receipts for donations will be offered. Board members began making a list of local businesses and made plans to expand on it outside of the meeting. Motion to organize a fundraising campaign for June 2023 was made by Kim, seconded by Harold-CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm on a motion made by Kim, seconded by Harold.