

Emo Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
October 2nd, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00pm
Present: Harold McQuaker, Lisa Teeple, Marie-Ann DeGroot, Kim Veldhuisen, Elaine Hughes, Phil Schram, and Nick Donaldson (Librarian). Regrets: Tamara Robson
2. There was no conflict of interest declared
3. Quorum: 6/7
4. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Phil, seconded by Harold-CARRIED
5. Motion to approve the June 26th minutes was made by Elaine, seconded by Marie-Ann-CARRIED
6. Motion to accept the June-August financial report was made by Elaine, seconded by Marie-Ann-CARRIED
7. Librarian's Report: The library saw 286 patrons and 538 items were circulated in July and in August there were 254 patrons and 472 items circulated. The library had a summer student, Tatum Martin, for July and August. She did an inventory of the collection, helped with circulation duties and covered staff vacations.
8. The final total of the summer fundraising drive was \$4,500 received from businesses.
9. The librarian reported that he met again with members of the Rainy River Public Library Board and they had offered to hire him on to do admin work. There was some discussion on what this would mean and the possibility of combining it with Emo Library admin work but this was deemed too difficult. Members said the librarian would be free to work out something with them independently if he wished.
10. A budget for 2023 was presented to the Board and there was discussion on the funding shortfall the library is facing this year in light of increased and unforeseen costs.
11. a) Motion to go in-camera at 6:31pm to discuss: *Personal matters about an identifiable individual* was made by Kim, seconded by Harold-CARRIED
b) Motion to come out of camera at 7:34pm was made by Harold, seconded by Phil-CARRIED
12. There was a brief discussion after the in-camera discussion about information-gathering and next steps for the librarian and Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm on a motion made by Kim, seconded by Harold.