

Emo Public Library  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

1. Meeting called to order at 6:07pm  
Present: Lisa Teeple, Elaine Hughes, Kim Veldhuisen, Phil Schram, and Nick Donaldson (Librarian). Tamara Robson arrived at 6:12pm, Marie-Ann DeGroot arrived at 6:13pm.  
Absent: Harold McQuaker
2. There was no conflict of interest declared
3. Quorum: 6/7
4. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Phil, seconded by Elaine--CARRIED
5. Motion to approve the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes was made by Kim, seconded by Elaine--CARRIED
6. Motion to accept the February-March financial report was made by Elaine, seconded by Phil--CARRIED
7. Librarian's Report: In February the library had 248 patrons with 461 physical items and 551 online items circulated. In March there were 204 patrons and 391 physical items and 561 online items circulated. The library was successful in applying for the Canada Summer Jobs Grant and will use it to help fund a summer student position. The Annual Survey of Public Libraries is due at the end of April and the librarian will complete that important reporting as always. The Emo Thrift Shop has once again generously donated to the library and a cheque for \$2,500 was received.
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  - a. Updates were given on the municipalities responses to the increased funding requests. This year Emo will pay \$50,000, La Vallee will pay \$7,500 and Chapple will pay \$6,000. Morley council wanted further information on the library's usage numbers and budget information before making a decision.
  - b. In an effort to use up more of the librarian's outstanding vacation days the Board agreed to close the library on Mondays until the summer.
  - c. More discussion was had on what is needed to start a Friends of the Library group.
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  - a. The Saturday of Spring Fever Days (April 20<sup>th</sup>) the library will be partnering with the EarlyON Centre for a kid's craft and storytime.
  - b. The librarian discussed having another online silent auction fundraiser and there was discussion on donated items and the possibility of using a site other than Facebook.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm on a motion made by Elaine, seconded by Kim.