

Emo Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
February 21st, 2024

1. Meeting called to order at 6:02pm
Present: Harold McQuaker, Lisa Teeple, Elaine Hughes, Phil Schram, Marie-Ann DeGroot, and Nick Donaldson (Librarian).
Regrets: Kim Veldhuisen, Tamara Robson
2. There was no conflict of interest declared
3. Quorum: 5/7
4. Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of "AODA compliance" under new business was made by Phil, seconded by Marie-Ann--CARRIED
5. Motion to approve the January 16th meeting minutes was made by Elaine, seconded by Phil--CARRIED
6. Motion to accept the January financial report was made by Elaine, seconded by Marie-Ann--CARRIED

7. Librarian's Report: In January there were 251 patrons and 573 items were borrowed. 503 ebooks and audiobooks were borrowed online. Duncan King began as a co-op student from Cornerstone Christian School on February 1st. He has been helping out with shelving books, cleaning, and other odd jobs in the library. The Senior's Community Grant has opened up and the librarian will be applying for that. Another silent auction fundraiser on Facebook is being planned for Spring Fever Days.

8. A letter was presented from La Vallee council saying they had approved of the \$7,500 levy for 2024 but wish to go back to the previous formula next year. The Board will discuss this when it comes time for next year's budget. There were no updates yet from the Emo or Chapple councils.

9. New Gold has donated \$5,000 for the book budget. They wish to do a photo-op and perhaps also have a write-up for their newsletter. The librarian will arrange these and let Board members know in case they want to take part in the photo.

10. Lisa noted that the accessible parking sign outside the library is very faded and should be replaced. The librarian will look into this.

11. With the large amount of vacation days the librarian has to use this year, he requested the week after March Break off as it is usually quiet. The Board gave its approval to close the library March 18th-22nd for staff vacation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm on a motion made by Elaine, seconded by Harold.