

Emo Public Library  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

1. Meeting called to order at 6:01pm  
Present: Harold McQuaker, Lisa Teeple, Kim Veldhuisen, Elaine Hughes, Phil Schram, Tamara Robson, and Nick Donaldson (Librarian). Absent: Marie-Ann DeGroot
2. There was no conflict of interest declared
3. Quorum: 6/7
4. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Elaine, seconded by Tamara-CARRIED
5. Motion to approve the October 12<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes was made by Elaine, seconded by Phil-CARRIED
6. Motion to accept the September financial report was made by Phil, seconded by Tamara-CARRIED
7. Librarian's Report: In September there were 200 patrons and 440 items were borrowed. The library had been a bit slower but that is usual for the back-to-school time. The librarian completed his First-Aid training on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
8. There was discussion on raising funds for the library and the budget for this year and the next. The librarian will run another silent auction on Facebook to coincide with Emo Holly Daze. A letter will also be written explaining the situation the library is in and the desperate need for donations and that will be distributed to patrons and online.  
  
Increasing the EarlyON Centre's rent for the basement was discussed and the librarian will send the contract for 2024 with rent set at \$1,400/month plus utilities. The librarian will also look into whether the EarlyON Centre can be paying for half the bill for the lift.  
  
The librarian found letters sent in 2019 to the Townships of La Vallee and Chapple asking for increases to funding which Board members looked over and considered. There was also discussion about Morley's contributions and the possibility of ending our agreement with them if their annual donation remains stagnant.
9. Tamara presented a number of great ideas for programming in the library and online while stressing that the more the library does the more people will see it and recognize it as an important community hub.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm on a motion made by Kim, seconded by Elaine.