

Emo Public Library  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

1. Meeting called to order at 6:10pm  
Present: Lisa Teeple, Elaine Hughes, Kim Veldhuisen, Phil Schram, Marie-Ann DeGroot, and Nick Donaldson (Librarian).  
Absent: Harold McQuaker and Tamara Robson.
2. There was no conflict of interest declared
3. Quorum: 5/7
4. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Elaine, seconded by Phil--CARRIED
5. Motion to approve the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was made by Marie-Ann, seconded by Kim--CARRIED
6. Motion to accept the June 1<sup>st</sup> – September 24<sup>th</sup> financial report was made by Phil, seconded by Elaine--CARRIED
  
7. Librarian's Report: In June the library had 240 patrons, 361 items were circulated and 537 ebooks and audiobooks circulated online. In July the library had 249 patrons, 443 items were circulated and 465 ebooks and audiobooks circulated online. In August the library had 291 patrons, 466 items were circulated and 493 ebooks and audiobooks circulated online. There was an online silent auction in July that raised \$2,171. Tia Wagar worked as the summer student in July and August doing inventory, running programs, and covering the librarian's vacation. Summer programming included a colouring contest, board game nights, and craft days. Mary Grace van der Kroef, formerly of Devlin, did a "meet the author" event in August that was well attended. Since the beginning of September the library has been doing story time in collaboration with the EarlyON Centre. The librarian attended a workshop in Dryden on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> for municipal staff, as well as attended the Fort Frances library's "Welcoming Week Open House" on the morning of Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.
  
8. a. The librarian updated the board on the Ontario Library Service's switch to a new system for interlibrary loans. There is considerable training in both the administration and usage of the new system the librarian is working through before it goes live November 12<sup>th</sup>.  
  
b. The board discussed the agreement with the Township of Morley and decided the librarian will send one more letter asking for an increase in there donation before terminating the agreement and charging Morley patrons the non-resident fees.  
  
c. The librarian updated the board on his outstanding vacation days that had to be used this year. It was decided the library could be closed additional days at Christmastime, a

week in November, and another day to be determined to use up the remaining vacation time.

9. a. The board discussed getting volunteers in to help with programs or to potentially be able to offer a level of service instead of closing the library when the librarian is away.
  
- b. The Ontario Trillium Foundation has advertised another Grow Grant with application submissions from October 9<sup>th</sup> to November 6<sup>th</sup>. The librarian will once again attempt to apply for a grant with many ideas from board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm on a motion made by Kim, seconded by Phil.