

Emo Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
February 27th, 2025

1. Meeting called to order at 6:03pm
Present: Lisa Teeple, Elaine Hughes, Phil Schram, Marie-Ann DeGroot, and Nick Donaldson (Librarian).
Regrets: Harold McQuaker, Tamara Robson, and Kim Veldhuisen
2. There was no conflict of interest declared
3. Quorum: 4/7
4. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Phil, seconded by Marie-Ann--CARRIED
5. Motion to approve the January 30th meeting minutes was made by Phil, seconded by Elaine--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 214 patrons, 381 physical items were checked out and 483 online items circulated. The librarian exchanged books for both the Golden Age Manor and the Stratton Manor this month in their common rooms. Two days in February the internet was out at the library (and around the area for Bell customers) for multiple hours. In cases like this the librarian works on offline tasks and scans checkouts into a word document to be put into the system when the internet is back. The information needed to send donation receipts has been sent to the Town for 2024 donations made to the library.
8. a) The librarian reported that when he made the delivery to the Stratton Manor he also left a letter warning that this service would end May 1st. There is also a notice posted in the library warning Morley residents that due to their council not increasing their annual donation memberships will be paid out of pocket May 1st. It is hoped that patrons affected will make their voice heard to their council about supporting the library.
b) Next year the librarian, with the help of the Board, will brainstorm programs specifically for the tax season and helping patrons during that time.
9. The budget was briefly looked at but further discussion was held until next meeting when hopefully the entire board will be able to attend. The librarian will go ahead with sending letters to the Townships asking that they match last year's donation while recognizing that it was a significant increase from the year previous.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm on a motion made by Phil, seconded by Elaine.