

**Committee of the Stettler Public Library Boards
Town of Stettler and County of Stettler#6
Regular Meeting May 16th, 2018 Stettler Rec. Centre**

Call to Order: 5:36 pm

Attendance: Jane Skocdopole (Chair), Blake Chapman, Matt Barabash (Head Librarian), Ben Ayotte (Secretary), Gail Peterson, Gord Lawlor, Andrew Brysiuk, Les Stulberg, Barb Gano (Treasurer), Vicki Leuck, Will Brown.

Agenda: Andrew moved to approve, Barb seconded, CARRIED.

Minutes: No amendments. Barb moved April 18th minutes be accepted, Vicki seconded, CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: Barb motioned as presented, Andrew seconded, CARRIED.

New Business:

- a) New Secretary of Board - Jane when attending meetings in Jasper heard the suggestion of having paid staff take minutes for smaller volunteer boards to provide consistency and to provide quicker minutes than a volunteer member.

Move to have Matt assign paid staff member to take Stettler Public Library board minutes by Andrew, seconded by Will, CARRIED.

Old Business:

- a) Alberta Library Conference Review - Funding: Found giving money to Parkland problematic as sometimes it doesn't get to the people. Best method is directly to the libraries. Good examples were found that worked well but there were also that didn't work so well. Library managers tend to find the best way to use funds.

Jane and Matt sat in on pre-conference hosted by Lac La Biche. A good conference about succession and planning, sharing plan of service with friends of the library and strengthening ties with the friends of the libraries.

Libraries are encouraged to “steal” programs (with permission), wills and estates were good topics. Shelly Ross gave a great presentation on Naloxone and shared tough case studies of its use, gave ideas on how we can better prepare our program. Also notes on managing Fake News and Polarizing News.

ALTA is doing well with funding and has lots of board members but found that smaller libraries are having issues getting members to attend, often listing cost as an issue.

Library Manager's Report: Grant funding for the town orchard was not approved, project moved to two phases. SRC is rebuilding the library garden areas after issues with snow piled up in the winter. Library had its largest circulation for the month of April.

Committee Reports:

Friends of the Library: Will meet June 13th. Book sale in Aug. @ hockey school and value added items like popcorn for other activities.

Advocacy & Programming: Did not meet, perhaps meet after FOL meeting to assist.

Personnel and Finance: Did not meet.

Parkland Regional: Did not meet.

Policy Review: Meet on May 16th and reviewed and accepted four revised policies. Two policies were tabled for further review. Policies to be included in next board meeting package for review by board for discussion/approval.

ALTA: June 1st to June 3rd, retreat at Lazy M ranch.

Parkland Regional: Will meet May 24th. Town representative will be Al Campbell, items include how to replace Parkland building.

Next meeting June 20th at 5:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:14 PM by Will.