

Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 14, 2021
Zoom Conference Call
7:00 pm

Present: President Steven Allen (Wheatland), Sharon Armstrong (Parkland) – *arrived at item 4.6*, Treasurer John Thronberg (SPL), Dennis Taylor (Lakeland), Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director), Cheryl Bauer Hyde (Wapiti), Patrick Simpson (Chinook), Sandra McArthur (Multitype Library Board).

Regrets/Absent:

Call to Order

President Steven Allen (Wheatland) called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm Thursday, January 14, 2021.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: Moved by Dennis Taylor (Lakeland) to adopt the agenda.
Motion carried.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: Moved by Treasurer John Thronberg (SPL) that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted.
Motion carried.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

President Steven Allen will be attending a Southeast Regional Library board meeting on January 25.

4. New Business

4.1 Budget 2021

Motion: Moved by Treasurer John Thronberg (SPL) to accept the 2021 budget.
Motion carried.

4.2 SLA Conference 2021

Manitoba Library Association (MLA) and Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA) have partnered to plan and host a virtual conference the week of June 13, 2021.

Nancy Kennedy, Executive Director, will confirm that SLTA can hold their AGM during the conference.

Sharon Armstrong (Parkland) will chair the Resolutions Committee and Dennis Taylor (Lakeland) will chair the Nominations Committee.

4.3 Promotion/Trustee Training

Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director) has emailed Katherine Foley regarding trainers for trustees. As well, Julie Aire and Catherine Howett have been emailed to see if they are able to assist SLTA with trustee training.

SLTA hopes to offer Zoom training sessions during the MLA/SLA Library Conference in June 2021.

4.4 Library Advocacy

There was much discussion surrounding library promotion/advocacy including the effectiveness of Facebook/Google advertising, print advertising, target audience, regular contact with library systems.

Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director) will reach out to the Alberta, British Columbia, and Manitoba trustee associations to see what they are doing.

A campaign for library in general engaging young people, for example the TD Summer Reading Program, was suggested.

Promotion shared at the municipal council level sharing what libraries do and soundbites in local newspapers were suggested. It was also suggested to contact regions monthly asking them what they would like people to know. It is important people know that library services can be shared throughout the province.

President Steven Allen (Wheatland) and Nancy Kennedy (Executive Director) will discuss options and prepare a promotion package for presentation.

4.5 Minister's Brief

Discussion around the brief included the vital role libraries play in mental wellbeing, the connection of community, the value for the investment, that libraries stepped up during COVID. People stayed connected, especially important to the average person or persons with restricted access.

A draft brief will be prepared for the April 14 board meeting.

4.6 Wheatland Resolution – “WHEREAS new voices in a volunteer organization nourish developing and diverse ideas, THEREFORE be it resolved that the SLTA establish staggered term limits to the officer's positions.”

President Steven Allen (Wheatland) asked Treasurer John Thronberg (SPL) to chair this portion of the meeting.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the resolution from Wheatland would be returned to them for further clarifications. After which the resolution will be presented at the SLTA 2021 AGM.

Motion: Moved by President Steven Allen (Wheatland) to accept the resolution from Wheatland as written.

Not carried.

The motion was failed with one vote in favor, three opposed and one abstention.

Treasurer John Thronberg (SPL) passed the meeting back to President Steven Allen (Wheatland).

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Trustee in Camera Session

No in-camera.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting has been set for Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

8. Other Business

8.1 Multitype Library Board

Sandra McArthur's term on the MLB comes to an end sometime this summer.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Dennis Taylor (Lakeland) that the meeting adjourn at 8:45 pm.
Motion carried.