

Nakusp Public Library Regular Board Meeting
September 9, 2021

Present: Paula Rogers, Barbara MacPherson, Elaine Rogers, Linda Harrington, Susan DeSandoli, Jerry Van Immerzeel, Terry Welsh, Jamie Dumonceaux, Claire Paradis, Susan Rogers.

Regrets: Shori Smith, Deborah Austin

Call to order: 10:02 am via Zoom Teleconference

Minutes: Minutes of June 10, 2021 accepted: Barb, Linda

Financial Report: Financial report of July and August accepted: Barb, Jamie

Director's Report: Accepted: Jerry, Linda

Discussions arising from report:

- **New air conditioners:** What we have is inadequate and not working well. We need to replace the old one by children's section and add a new one at the opposite side of the building. Susan DeSandoli brought up the idea of installing a heat pump instead. It was mentioned that the Village already pays the Hydro bill, so perhaps we only need to worry about air conditioning for the summer. However, Susan will look into the feasibility of a heat pump.

Committee Reports:

- **Centennial Building Committee:** Report from upcoming meeting on Sept. 14 will be circulated when available. We were informed that Bob Inwood, heritage consultant, will be looking at the milk wagon today.
- **Financial Committee – Walton Bequest Sub-Committee:** The timeline "Walton Bequest Discussions and Decisions from February to July, 2021" was discussed and a poll was taken of each board member's ideas about how the upcoming \$140,000 portion of the Walton bequest should be used and/or invested. Opinions varied from short term investment only; using the money to improve the building; having a feasibility assessment; leveraging the money by looking for matching grants; using it as operational money. Elaine made a motion that we add the \$140,000 to our KSCU – Term 66 account, which already has a balance of \$75,000, for the time being. Linda seconded, all in favour.

It was decided that in order to focus more efficiently on decisions on how to use the entire Walton Bequest, we need to have a brain-storming meeting to clarify exactly what our aims are and the principles we will use to guide us on the best use of this generous bequest. The meeting will be a joint meeting of the Financial Committee and the Strategic Plan Committee, and this will be composed of Terry, Elaine, Barbara, Claire, Paula, and Jamie, and will be a Zoom session on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 10:00.

- **Friends of the Library:** FOLs will be contacted to see if they are still available to work at the Book Sale, which was postponed on August 14 and will now be held in September.
- **Fundraising Committee:** It was decided that September 25 was a good date to hold the formerly postponed (from August 14) Annual Book Sale. The only further fundraising we will do for the year is selling Marilyn McKinnon's wonderful quilted stars over the counter during the Christmas season.
- **Kootenay Library Federation Committee:** We received a cheque for \$600 from the KLF, which was part of the leftover funds from COVID requirements. This will be used for collections.

Shori will not be available to participate in the KLF Zoom meeting on September 25 meeting, and Terry, as Shori's backup, will participate instead.

- **Policy Committee:** Claire will forward the Code of Conduct Policy for the board to review and approve.
- **Public Relations/Advocacy Committee:** Discussions about censorship, as prompted by a July 3/21 library event that was outlined in the agenda, postponed until next meeting.
- **Safety:**
 - **Vaccine Passports:** Regulations state libraries are not required to ask for them. It was discussed whether a special time needed to be set aside for "vulnerable people", but it isn't quite clear just who would be considered "vulnerable".
 - **Stairs Enclosure:** Terry reported he still has the last finishing touches to do, but will complete it very soon. The project came in under budget. A thank-you card will be sent to both Home Building Centre for the discount on materials and to Michael Myhal for his help with the construction.
 - **Library Sign:** Claire will ask Richard Cann about plans for remounting the sign and how soon this can happen.
- **Walton Bequest Committee:** A discussion was held on landscaping.
 - Claire suggested that we can do this in-house. It has been unsatisfactory trying to find someone to design and install the garden and it seems we should be able to do this in-house. She has landscaping design experience, plus we have many library members who are gardeners and would help with the whole project.
 - When the landscaping is completed, make a nice visible plaque, naming it the Betty Walton Garden, or something similar.
 - We should mirror the landscaping that was done in the downtown core by the Village for their Community Plan.

- We need to do a major cleanup of the lawn area and need to contact the Museum re removing some old artifacts that are in our area.

Old Business:

- **Monika Mah's bench:** Tucson Zoll has the wood to start it and Claire will check what's happening with this. It will be a new bench at the top of the stairs.
- **Anti-racism workshop:** It will be held on Zoom (date pending) and will be for all the staff and board members in the Centennial Building, including the Archives and Museum. It was suggested we should approach both of them to share in the cost of the workshop.

New Business: Jamie asked what provisions had been made for the safety of volunteers, in case one of them is injured. WorkSafeBC does not provide insurance for volunteers, but we will talk to our own insurance provider to see what provisions there are, and what is required of us to properly set this up. Jamie will be doing inquiries.

Adjourned: about 11:30. Linda/Terry