

Headingley Library Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2021

Call to Order: Gail Bell called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Present: Alison Au, Marilyn Bayrak, Gail Bell, Sharon Dyck, Pat Grierson, Bonnie Leullier, Wendy MacKenzie, Jim Robson.

I. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Moved by Wendy and seconded by Pat, the Minutes of the October 18, 2021 meeting were approved as circulated.

II. Librarian's Report

- a) Circulation stats – visits were up compared to October, as were our adult circulations and magazines. Children's circulations are slightly down but this is normal for this time of year. Our Halloween colouring contest had 43 entries and also brought in a few new memberships. We plan to offer similar programming over the winter.
- b) Financials – book purchases are slightly higher this month as Kathie has been expanding her seasonal selection and replacing worn books. We have also purchased some new Young Adult nonfiction and continue to expand our large print section. We received a \$4000 grant from Headingley Community Foundation, a portion of which was used for additional shelving in the children's department and the remainder of which will be used to purchase furniture for our new study area upstairs. We also received a supplementary provincial grant of \$5,117.97 to reflect an increase in per capita funding provided by the Province.
- c) Programming – we held some successful book giveaways in October and November to increase traffic on our social media pages. We are also inviting members of the public to donate to the Manitoba Chapter of the Shoebox Project for Women, in order to receive entry ballots to win one of two prize baskets centered around reading. The library has supported this charity in the past by being a drop-off location. Book Club continues to run on the last Monday of the month, in person, and Kathie has begun in person story and craft time weekly, split into two smaller groups instead of one larger one. All attendees over the age of 12 must show proof of vaccination.

- d) Renovations – Oxbow Builders, who completed renovations to the community center, will be providing an estimate for the renovations to the study area upstairs.
- e) Sharon asked about resuming author visits, perhaps using Zoom. We decided to wait until it's safer to hold in person visits as people are a bit Zoomed-out and Alison feels it would be a hard sell at the moment.
- f) Jim enquired about e-book usage and Alison confirmed that the library continues to advertise and offer support for our online reading services.
- g) Jim also suggested that we approach Phoenix School and Bright Beginnings Daycare to promote library services to families. This has been difficult during Covid, but we plan to reach out to the school in June, if not before, to promote our summer reading programming. Kathie will create some brochures to promote the library to Headingley's daycare families.
- h) Bonnie pointed out that our income from non-resident membership fees is much higher than anticipated this year, which is great to see.

III. Municipal Report

- a) Trees have been planted at Riverview Park and snow clearing and sanding is underway in the municipality, as needed. The municipality has committed to keeping the Grand Trunk Trail cleared between Alboro and Wescana streets. The RM continues to do well financially, with the housing market booming. There were approximately 60 new housing starts in 2021, which increases Headingley's tax base by approximately \$50M. The Province has committed to twinning Highway No. 1 between the Flying J and Blumberg Golf Course, hopefully next summer. Bright Beginnings will continue to use Phoenix Community Centre for its afterschool daycare until June of 2023.

IV. New Business

- a) None

V. Next Meeting

- a) The next board meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

VI. Adjournment

- a) The meeting was adjourned by Gail at 6:05 pm.