

Headingley Library Board Minutes

December 13, 2023

5:00 pm – via Zoom

Present: Gail Bell, Susan Stuart, Wendy McKenzie, Alison Au, Jodee Karlowsky, Rhiana Kaspick Stranges, Jim Robson

Regrets: Dawn Dunford

1. Called to Order by Gail at 5:00 pm
2. Minutes of November 2, 2023 adopted as circulated. Motioned by Wendy, seconded by Rhianna.
3. Librarians Report - Alison Au

Financials

- Financials are on track for year end. We are over in a few categories, as was expected with the increase in minimum wage. We are also under in a few categories and have used money from the Headingley Community Foundation and our 2022 surplus to purchase extra books and computer equipment.

Programming and Statistics

- Book club is going strong with an average of 8-15 people attending each month. The plan is to divide book club into two sessions – an evening and an afternoon. This will appeal to those who don't like to drive at night in the winter and also make the group size more manageable.
- Planning is underway for 2024 programming. We are planning a toddler and caregiver drop in morning called Stay and Play every Thursday morning. Storytime will run every Wednesday morning and Builders Club, which is aimed at school aged children, every Tuesday after school until close.
- Mary will be running our popular end of the year contest where patrons guess which books were our top circulations to win a prize
- Visits from Phoenix School's library classes are expected to begin in the new year

Community Outreach

- The library donated a raffle prize basket of books and activities to the Christmas Breakfast and is currently preparing one for the Winter Carnival in February

- Alison hosted a Lunch and Learn session at Headingley Community Club for the Seniors Society on ebooks and reading devices. 21 people attended, which we are told is a record. The session went very well.
- So far our shoebox project has collected about 25 shoeboxes

4. New Business

- Total Custom Builders Ltd. has been retained to do our renovation to the upstairs circulation desk and paint the upstairs. Motioned by Gail, seconded by Susan to hire Total Custom Builders to complete the job at a cost not to exceed \$19,000
- New debit machine rental. Motioned by Gail, seconded by Wendy, to rent a new debit machine at a cost of \$240/year.
- By unanimous agreement, Eunice Salmonson and Tamara Wells are to be recommended to council as new board members, replacing Susan and Rhianna. We thank Susan and Rhianna for their generous service.

5. Municipal Report – Jim Robson

- Ice at the rinks on Seekings has been stalled due to the warm weather
- The RM retained an extra \$500,000 in taxes in 2023
- Public Works are rebuilding Tallieu Field on the Grand Truck Trail
- The community skating trails will be finished shortly and will have lights
- North Hall renovation: foundation and piles are in, building will go up soon. An open house was held and pictures are up in the hall. A story is forthcoming in the Headingley Times. Highlights of the reno include a yoga studio and training area with full changing rooms.
- Margot Price has been hired to job share with Kristie Todd at HSSI
- The RM saw 21 housing starts in 2023 with the average house price being \$900,000.00.

6. Next meeting: February 5, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the library

7. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm