

WELLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES

Minutes of the fifth regular meeting held on Monday, May 15, 2006 at the Welland Public Library.

PRESENT: Melanie Gross-Kerho, George Giovinazzo, Paul Grenier, Glen Johnston, Sherry Spark, Debbie Tomaino. Staff: Janet Booth.

REGRETS: Joan Elliot, Fred Sullivan, Wayne DeMille

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 p.m. by the C.E.O.

1. Election of Chair

The C.E.O. reported that both the Chair and Vice-Chair were absent from the meeting, and someone needed to be elected to chair the meeting.

Moved by Debbie Tomaino
Seconded by Paul Grenier

06:36 **That Melanie Gross-Kerho be elected to chair the meeting.** Carried.

2. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Sherry Spark
Seconded by Glen Johnston

06:37 **That the Agenda be approved as circulated.** Carried.

4. Minutes of April 17, 2006.

Moved by Paul Grenier
Seconded by Debbie Tomaino

06:38 **That the Minutes of the April 17, 2006 regular meeting be approved as circulated.**

Carried.

5. Business Arising

a) 2006 Budget Update

The CEO reported she had met with the Acting City Manager and the City Treasurer to review the status of the library's 2006 budget request to the City.

They confirmed that the City approved a 2.6% increase for the library. Council did not approve any further adjustments related to shared costs for the new facility. Councillor Grenier stated that was not his understanding and would discuss the matter with the chair of the City's Budget Committee.

6. Correspondence

- a) Jim Bradley, Minister Responsible for Seniors, re celebrating Seniors Month in June.
- b) Mike Colle, Minister, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration re call for nominations for Lincoln M. Alexander Award 2006.
- c) Ontario Library Boards' Association re OLBA Spring 2006 Report (attached)

7. Financial Report

a) Payment of Invoices

Moved by Sherry Spark
Seconded by Debbie Tomaino

06:39 **That invoices totaling \$74,185.98 be approved.**

Carried.

8. Chief Executive Officer's Report

The CEO thanked the Board members who attended the strategic planning workshop on Saturday. The discussions on Saturday were a good start to the planning process.

The CEO updated the Board on plans for the "Niagara Reads Niagara" program to be held at area libraries during the month of October. Cookbook author Anna Olson has agreed to appear at the Main Branch of the Welland Public Library on October 17th. The libraries are planning to have one brochure printed listing all of the author appearances across the region.

The Ontario Library Consortium held its Annual Meeting in April and re-elected J. Booth as President for the coming year.

The CEO did a brief presentation of SirsiDynix's EPS (Enterprise Portal Solution) which the Ontario Library Consortium will be purchasing sometime in the next few months. This product can be used to replace the library's current web site.

Moved by Sherry Spark
Seconded by Glen Johnston

06:40 **That the Chief Executive Officer's Monthly Report be received.** Carried.

9. SOLS Report

Glen Johnston distributed a copy of the report he made at a SOLS Trustee Council meeting that was held on April 29th at the Oakville Public Library. He will be giving a full report at the next meeting.

10. Other Business

a) Fundraising Activities

The Board reviewed the draft letters of appeal circulated and approved Draft Letter 3 with some modifications. Welland Hydro has been contacted about including the letter in a future hydro mailing.

A suggestion was made for a fundraising event at the Main Library with desserts and wine.

b) Foundations

The Board briefly reviewed the information distributed on establishing foundations and library foundations in particular. It was noted that foundations are normally established when there is the potential for raising large amounts of money. There was general agreement among members that now was not the time to pursue this any further.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Library Board will be held on Monday, June 19, 2006 at the Welland Public Library. Board members were reminded that this is the evening for the Employee/Volunteer Recognition and were encouraged to plan to attend. The reception will be held at 6:00 p.m. and followed by the regular Board meeting.

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion by Paul Grenier.

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Wayne DeMille, Chair

Janet C. Booth, Secretary