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Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 8th, 2021 7:00pm Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Sarah Byers, Maureen Forster, Nova MacDougall, Kimberly Partanen, Terry Vickers, Leeza Perehudoff, Kim Pham, Wendy Hurst, Dianne Galloway, Jesse Ellis, Terrance Gerling, Geeta Gillespe, Mo Forster

Regrets: Sue Heaton-Sherstobitoff

Acknowledge unceded territory:

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Ktunaxa, Syilx (Okanagan), and Sinixt Peoples.

Welcome to Olga Sherstobitoff our new Recording Secretary. Welcome to Mo Forster incoming board member. Roundtable introductions

- 1. Approval of the Agenda- Leeza motioned, Jesse 2'nd
- 2. Approval of the Minutes- Nova motioned, Terry V'nd

## 3. Director's Report

Funding all received except Area H's, 2% increase in funding 5 staff took Occupational 1'st Aid Page Gemma is now in UBC, new Page is Mercedes Phillips Programming is online & outside Continue with Kootenay Federation Online book club Follow through with building & facilities items Utility increase still not figured out-last 2 bills were guess estimates New shelving will hold 500 books

## 4. Committee Reports

a. Finance (Feb/May/Sept/Nov)

May- Law Matters grant-\$2500 spent 92%
Aug- spent over \$7000 on computer hardware-exceeded by 469% all \$ from grants not from our budget
207% gas budget exceeded, still no resolution
Room rentals low due to covid
We are at a surplus this far

- b. Personnel-nothing to report
- c. Friends-Apperson Donation went out for shelves
- Kootenay Library Federation
   Proposed budget for 2022 is ready for next meeting

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KLF gets \$\$ from province. All the money comes back to Kootenay libraries

- e. Policy Operational Policy Manual Yearly review complete, some additions & updates New Lendable Technology additions to policy manual, User Agreement for lending tablets-will be catalogued, released by Oct. This will be a good story for the paper
- f. Building-send email to follow-up on steps

## 5. New business

- a) Election: New board member Maureen (Mo) Forster. Nova motioned, Wendy 2'nd, all in favor-welcome Mo
- b) CUPE Collective agreement expires December 31st negotiation team?

Staff rep Laura is in contact with the union-no date for negotiations yet Nova, Terry, Kim Pham and Kim Partanen on team to negotiate, Dianne interested in joining

Kim will send old contract to board

- c) New federal statutory holiday: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is September 30th. Our Collective Agreement states that we honour "other holidays as may be proclaimed or declared by either the Federal, Provincial or Local Governments," so the library will be closed.
- c) In person programming?
   Still too unclear due to rising case numbers
   Motion-keep programs outdoors & online till further notice
   Kim 2'nd, all in favor-carried

## 7. Old business

Next regular meeting: October 13, 2021.