

**Valleyview Library Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.**

In attendance:

Trustees: *Kelli Reimer, Debbie Wedel, Tracie Craig, Annette McCullough; Judy Smith; Scott Biggin; Ken Wittig, Tina Caron*

Library/

VCLC Staff: *Kerri Danner, Christin Trofimenkoff, Liz Griffiths, Pat Mabley*

Guests: *Gail Hrushka, Donna Chorney, Samantha Steinke, Barbara Hatch, Monica Drozda*

1. **Call to order** – In absence of a currently elected Chair, the meeting was called to order by Secretary, Kelli Reimer at 5:30 p.m. Kerri Danner agreed to take the minutes for the meeting.
2. **Welcome new trustees/acknowledge outgoing trustees** – Kelli Reimer welcomed newly appointed Trustees Tina Caron, Tracie Craig and Annette McCullough, who were appointed by Town of Valleyview Council in February, and the re-appointment of Debbie Wedel. Kelli Reimer acknowledged the valuable contributions made by former Trustees and thanked them for their years of service to the Library Board: former Chair, Adam Norris; former Vice-Chair, Debbie Stewart and former Trustee Louis Joseph.
3. **Welcome guests** – Kelli Reimer welcomed the guests from the public. A round of introductions followed for all trustees, staff and guests.
4. **Adoption of Agenda** – Debbie Wedel made a MOTION to accept the agenda, with an amendment to move 4.0 Election of Executive after 9.0 Library Manager's Report. All in favour. Carried.
5. **Adoption of Minutes of January 17, 2024 meeting** – Judy Smith made a MOTION to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting. All in favour. Carried.
6. **VCLC Manager's Report/Intro to CALP** – Christin Trofimenkoff presented an introduction to Valleyview Community Learning Council (VCLC) and provincial Community Adult Learning Programs (CALP) for the benefit of the new trustees and gave her report. Scott Biggin made a MOTION the report as information. All in favour. Carried.
7. **Financial Report** – Kerri Danner presented the current financial statements. The annual financial review by Metrix Group, LLP is currently underway. Debbie Wedel

11. Discussion Items

Board/Town Community Review

Kelli Reimer stated that the Library Board and Staff have reflected on the past weeks and months on the behaviour of all parties and will be drafting a code of conduct and de-escalation protocol to help guide trustees and staff in future interactions.

Kelli Reimer suggested striking a committee to work on a code of conduct; de-escalation protocol and safeguards to protect library staff from being subjected to potentially volatile interactions. Tracie Craig, Annette McCullough and Kelli Reimer volunteered to sit on the committee.

Town of Valleyview – Ken Wittig wished the best of luck to the new trustees and apologies that he had to leave the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

MD of Greenview Library Board – Judy Smith gave a brief summary of how the MD of Greenview Library Board was formed and how the MD of Greenview Library Board operates the Grande Cache and Debolt Libraries, while providing operating funding to Valleyview Municipal Library and Fox Creek Municipal Library. The MD of Greenview Library Board meets monthly rotating between Grande Cache, Debolt and Grovedale.

Trustee comments – Tracie Craig inquired about whether there had been any issues with street folks. Kerri Danner responded that as a public library it is common for staff to encounter members of the public with addictions, mental health issues, antisocial behaviour but that staff use the library policy and code of conduct for members of the public and work with RCMP and Bylaw to ensure the library is a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Guest comments:

Kelli Reimer opened the floor to guest comments and questions:

Gail Hrushka stated that she and her family rely on the Library and having access to items from other libraries and online and observed that whenever she visits the Library there are lots of kids using the library and the programs the Library provides are important. She appreciates the transparency shown by the library board and staff.

Donna Chorney – stated that she has volunteered for Partnership Approach to Literacy (PAL) and for Valleyview Further Ed in the past and that these programs have worked well in partnering with the library to build literacy and confidence and to have a place where they feel safe and welcome. The library has been a great space for kids to learn and be supported. She also uses downloadable audiobooks on Libby.

Pat Mabley – has been working for the library for 20+ years and has seen kids grow up in the library and most of the kids who have used the library have been successful in life.

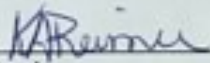
Monica Drozda – lives in the MD on a farm, but has used the library for themselves and their family for years.

Barbara Hatch – working with VCLC, she has seen many newcomers to our community using the library as a place to connect, for ESL support, different faiths and cultures, etc. That the library supports the Charter of Rights and that in small towns the public library is a hub of the community for services. Where else can teens gather? It has been a pleasure to invite people to attend programs at the library, who then become regular library users. We all want our community to be better.

12. Next Meetings: Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
(Tentatively at Sherk's RV for a potluck BBQ prior to the AGM)

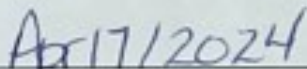
13. Adjournment – Tracie Craig made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. All in favour.
Adjourned.



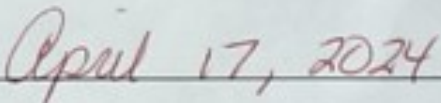
Chair



Vice-Chair



Date



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