

**Salt Spring Island Public Library
Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday May 21, 2024, 9:30 am**

Present: Adrian Wright – Chair, Anne Zeller – Vice Chair, Gary Holman – CRD Director, Peter Freeman, Christine Hunt, Tracy Watkins, Garth Hendren, Karen Hudson – Library Director, Christine Arpita – Recording Secretary.

Absent:, Richard Swann – Treasurer, Joi Freed-Garrod, Andrea Little

1. Call to order

Adrian called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Acknowledgement of Indigenous land and Mission Statement

Peter read the Mission Statement and Anne acknowledged that we appreciate that we can live and share as guests on the unceded lands of the Hul'qumi'num and SENĆOŦEN speaking peoples.

2. Approval of Agenda

- *Motion: Moved by Tracy, Seconded by Peter
That the agenda be approved.
Approved*

3. Approval of April 16, 2024 Minutes

- *Motion: Moved by Anne, Seconded by Garth
That the Minutes of April 16, 2024 be approved.
Approved*

4. Consent Agenda

Committee Reports – Circulated

Executive Committee Report

Finance Committee Report and First Quarter Financials

Library Director Report

Karen informed the board that the Salt Spring Island Public Library is the 2024 winner of the “Building Better Communities” Award which awarded our Library for significant advancements in Truth and Reconciliation. The opening of the Children’s Area was very successful. The next step is the installation of floor outlets. Karen will contact Salt Spring Emergency Preparedness in regard to planning for summer heat dome events. The Archives will have new climate control installed the first week of June.

- *Motion: Moved by Anne, Seconded by Tracy
That the Consent Agenda items be approved.
Approved*

5. Correspondence - none

6. Library Minute

Karen presented the *Reconciliation* Power Point that was presented at the BCLA and VILS conferences.

In summary:

- 2017 Art exhibit from Grace Point actions with speaker series and UNDRIP display
- 2018 Commence Reconciliation Reading Circle
- 2020 BIPOC Collection through Berman Foundation grant and start on decolonizing collection
- 2021 Mural painting and 215 Memorial
- 2022 Mural Interpretive Panel
- 2023 Indigenous Coordinator hire
- 2024 Indigenous Area opening, Indigenous elements in Children's area, Friendship Circle, Indigenous Market in Library June 21
- Upcoming – Land Acknowledgement Circle, Indigenous Language programs

Karen will be advisor for the working group to work toward decolonizing the collection province-wide.

10:20 am Garth Hendren departed

7. Other Business

Board Retreat Follow-up

The retreat was successful and Peter was thanked for hosting.

Anne spoke specifically about the possible future creation of ad hoc Diversity Committee and Technology Committees. There was an expression of support from the board members present. More details will follow at future meetings.

Board Committees and Annual Meeting Dates

Board committees are unchanged from last year. Staff will send out a schedule of Committee meeting dates.

8. CRD Report

Gary reported that the Housing Now – Landlord-Tenant matching is available. The supported housing on Drake Road is now slated to be available in 2025 with units increasing to 32. Gary was invited to join the Finance Committee.

9. Upcoming Regularly Scheduled Work and Meetings

- Finance Committee – To be determined
- Executive Committee – To be determined
- Policy Committee – Wednesday June 5, 9:30 am – to be confirmed
- Board Development Committee – June 3, 4:30 pm - Zoom
- Volunteer Appreciation Brunch – Sunday, June 9

11 am – 1 pm, Salt Spring Island Sailing Club, 152 Douglas Rd

- BOT June Meeting – Tuesday June 18, 9:30 am
- Staff Appreciation Event – Sunday July 7

Richard's lakefront house

- Pride Parade – Saturday July 27

Meet at Hydro Field – Time to be determined

- Major Donor Event – Sunday September 15

Children's area. Time to be determined

- Strategic Plan Update Session – Saturday November 2

Program Room – 9:30 am – 4 pm

10. Motion to Adjourn – 10:50 a.m.

- *Motion: Moved by Tracy
That the meeting be adjourned.*