

**Prescott Public Library  
Library Board Meeting  
April 12, 2022  
Prescott Public Library  
6:00 P.M.**

**ATTENDEES:**

Joe Muise/Chair  
Darien Watson/Vice-Chair  
Jean Burton-Fox/Treasurer  
Mavis Jale/Secretary  
Karen Hume  
Elaine McCurdie (late)  
Lee McConnell/Council Rep (really late)  
Anne Gillard/Chief Librarian in Waiting  
Jane McGuire/Chief Librarian/CEO

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

**DECLARATION OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

There was no conflict of interest from any of the board members.

**RESPECT & ACKNOWLEDGE DECLARATION:**

“We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee (St. Lawrence Iroquois), Huron-Wendat, Onida, Anishabe, and Mohawk People”.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA:**

It was moved by Jean Burton-Fox and seconded by Joe Muise to approve the agenda of the meeting of April 12, 2022.  
Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2022:**

It was moved by Jean Burton-Fox and seconded by Darien Watson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of March 15, 2022.  
Motion Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2022:**

- Board Member Recruitment: During “Spring Back to the Library” information cards about being a board member were handed out. One new member so far.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A \$25 gift card for Anne’s friend, Monique, is to be given in thanks for baking 10 dozen cookies and helping with the set-up for the “Spring Back to the Library” event, April 11-14. **It was moved by Joe Muise and seconded by Karen Hume to purchase Tim Horton’s gift card. Motion Carried.** A thank-you card signed by the board and library staff will be included.
- **Board Assembly update from Karen Hume.**
  - Review policy regarding rules on campaign literature in the library.
  - Apparently the library is not required to have a councillor on the Library Board but most libraries do. We will keep ours.
  - Ideas on what a library’s place is in the community. Library (books) plus other roles. For example, a place of inspiration.

- There seems to be a fundamental shift in the definition of what a library is.
- OLS recommends having a 'big picture' conversation with newly hired librarians. Peggy, our favourite contact, will be doing this.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Invoices #26 to #34 for the amount of \$1,527.72 to be paid. It was moved by Jean Burton-Fox and seconded by Karen Hume to pay the invoices. Motion Carried

#### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

- Capacity limits have been lifted. Two feet distance to be maintained. We will be using every other computer for now. We are not requiring people to wear a mask but many still are.
- Book Sale Room is now much to the delight of our patrons! We did a big weeding of the DVD collection to make room for the puzzles. They have been quite popular for people to buy.
- March 31,2022 circulation statistics: **923 + 496 (55 patrons from Overdrive), new members March: 25 plus quite a few renewals.**
- Interlibrary Loans is picking up. Freebie Fridays cart is still out in the Town Hall. People are living it!
- **Storytime:** April 8, 2022 EarlyON and Library jointly offered Storytime at the Library. The next one will be Friday, April 22, 2022, 10am to 11:30am.
- **Book Displays** very popular. Books have been put out for Easter. Families are pleased to see the books out.
- **Easter Craft Bags** – 40 craft bags were made up and they all were given out. These are a very popular activities. The next craft bag will be for Mother's Day.
- **Spring Back to the Library:** Monday's Tea Party Day was a great success! In the morning we had a Preschool Tea Party. The children loved it. At 1pm we had an Adult Tea Party. At 4pm there was a tea Party for school age children. They were well attended and everyone had a great time. Thank-you to Lee McConnell and Gauri Shankar for dropping by on Tuesday morning to answer questions and meet our new members. It was a lot of fun.
- **Museum Passes:** March Break was popular for patrons going to the museums. We also have Parks Ontario Passes. Unfortunately, the Aquatarium is not offering passes anymore.
- **TD Summer Reading Programme:** This year we will be offering a Story Walk to the book **I Am Scary by Elise Gravel**. We are deciding with Samantha where the best place in Town would be.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEXT MEETING**

May 31, 2022 at 6pm at Karen Hume's house.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Darien Watson and seconded by Karen Hume to close the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Motion Carried