

Friends of the Victoria Public Library (FOVPL)
Membership Meeting – 26 January 2017
5:00 PM

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Lamont called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
- II. Invocation/Blessing: Ruby gave the blessing.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance: Lamont led the Pledge.
- IV. Requests for Additions to the Agenda
 - X.B.: Vandalism
 - X.C.: Cowboy Day Fundraiser
 - X.D.: T-shirts/Membership Drive
- V. Conflict of Interest Statements and Organizational Matters: None
- VI. Approval of the 17 November 2016 Minutes: A motion and second were properly made to approve the Minutes. The motion passed. The Minutes were approved.
- VII. Approval of the 26 January 2017 Treasurer's Report: A motion and second were properly made to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
- VIII. Organizational Reports
 - A. President: Lamont delivered the Certificate of Appreciation to Ollie and Sue. Sue felt well enough to say hello, but Ollie stated that she tires easily and does not encourage visits. Ollie gave Lamont the Treasurer's books. It was decided that Lamont will serve as Acting Treasurer until our elections in July.
 - B. Library: New and old requests and concerns are discussed in Old Business (Items E through H.)
 - C. Board of Trustees: Their next meeting is 27 January 2017 at Ripberger Public Library. Board members, who were unaware, were advised that the Trustees have taken over the deed to the library, although it has not been confirmed that the transaction has been finalized.
- IX. Old Business
 - A. Commercial Crime Coverage/Treasurer's Bond: It was decided to investigate Treasurer's bond/crime coverage insurance with another company.
 - B. 501(c)(3) Application: We are still waiting for the result of our application.

- C. Tax Report and Audit: Our tax report (Form 990-N ePostcard) has been filed. Once we receive our 501(c)(3) status, we will arrange for an audit.
 - D. Christmas Parade Float: We did not have the material for a proper float, so we did not present one. We will try to participate this year.
 - E. Twelfth Night Reception: We had a few who made it through the snow that began to fall. Reporters from two newspapers attended to take photos and get stories for the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation. Request was made for payment of the advertisements and reimbursement of expenses. The three trays of food that were left for the enjoyment of the organization that met after our event, were not disposed of properly by that organization, so we will rethink our planning and implementation next year. We will also discuss whether to continue this event, considering the turnout every year.
 - F. Library Flooring: Alicia advised earlier that the installation has not yet begun.
 - G. Emergency Lighting: We will ask Alicia if she sought estimates from local (Lunenburg County) businesses and, if not, when will she? We will let her know that we require a detailed estimate, and if one cannot be given, that before payment, should we decide to fund the repair and installation of emergency lighting, that we will require a detailed invoice listing the cost of material, labor, taxes, and other fees.
 - H. Library Cleaning Service: We decided that we are unable to fund additional cleaning expenses at this time. We will continue to pay \$100 per month through December 2017, as approved earlier.
- X. New Business
- A. Fundraising Activities: With our expected expenses, short-term and annual, we will need to consider fundraising events.
 - B. Vandalism: Someone spray-painted on the sign outside the building and left the can behind. Alicia filed a police report, and they took the can. According to the Town Secretary, the report is still being written. Discussion revolved around possible reasons for the vandalism: bored citizen with nothing better to do or a citizen angry about not being able to connect to the Wi-Fi. Further discussion revolved around not providing easy access to public resources.
 - C. Cowboy Day Fundraiser: We will ask Alicia if we may use the meeting room to show cowboy/western movies and conduct our t-shirt sale.
 - D. T-shirts/Membership Drive: We will hold a contest to create a design for a t-shirt and run the event along with a membership drive. We will display the contest entries, if space is available.

XI. Other Business by Members

A. A bench and trash can outside the library: We revisited Alicia's 'wish' to install these outside the library.

XII. Adjournment: A motion and second were properly made to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE LIST

Board of Directors

Lamont Brand, President
Cliff Sheffield, Vice President
Trudy Berry, Secretary
Gus Villalobos, Director
Ruby Ingram, Director
Sean Au, Director

Members

None

Trustees

None

Library Staff

None