



BRUCE COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Minutes
of the
Bruce County Public Library Board Meeting
October 19th, 2011
12:00 p.m.
Bruce County Public Library HQ
Saugeen Shores, Ontario**

A. Meeting called to order.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.

B. Welcome and Introductions.

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

C. Attendance

Present: **Mitch Twolan** , Chair, County Councilor
Patricia Symon, Citizen Trustee
Lynn Sawatsky, Citizen Trustee
Les Nichols, Vice Chair
John Michaluk, Citizen Trustee
Joan Harrison, Citizen Trustee

Absent: **Mike Smith**, Warden County of Bruce

Staff: **Marzio Apolloni**, Director
Ken MacLeod, Assistant Director

Moved by: Joan Harrison
Seconded: Patricia Symon

Resol# 57-11
Attendance

That the following members be excused from the meeting:

Mike Smith, Warden

Carried.

D. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest.

The Chairman reminded members to declare any pecuniary interest.

E. Minutes September 21st, 2011

Moved by: Lynne Sawatsky
Seconded: Joan Harrison

Resol# 58-11
Minutes

That the minutes of the September 21st, 2011 meeting, be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Business Arising

Will be covered in the Director's Report.

F. Report of the Chair

The Chairman reported the Grey-Bruce economic development committee, has hired a consultant who will be touching bases with every mayor, C.A.O. and economic development officer in the area. He recommended that the Director talk to David Smith of the planning department to ensure that representation/input from the library is included. In December there will be a townhall meeting moderated by a very energetic consensus builder.

The Chairman shared with members very positive comments from representatives of the Women's Institute in Kincardine. They love the library and the staff.

Moved by: Patricia Symon
Seconded: Joan Harrison

Resol# 59-11
Chair Rpt.

That the Chairman's report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

G. Director's Report

1) Report to County Council (October 6th, 2011)

As I indicated last month, I reported to County Council my intention to retire, my last official day being March 30th 2011. I will have significant vacation days owing to use between now and March 30th. Thus my last day in the office will probably be the week after the O.L.A. conference.

2) Senior Homes Annual Training - Presentation

I also reported to Council that we provided an hour presentation for four days to the Bruce-Lea Haven staff workshops. It was a very rewarding experience, and as a consequence we have requested a listing of all County of Bruce staff in order to issue each of them a library card with a pin number, so they can access the library service on-line. Each member of Council was given a card and pin number to ensure they have the same access.

For your information and edification, I will do the actual presentation for you now, so you can see the actual 'product'. The presentation is generic enough that it can be used by any board or staff member.

3) **Bluewater Board of Education – Dewey & BCPL**

Chris Wood and I will participate in a Board of Education workshop. Chris will be extolling the virtues of the Dewey system and how we use it to organize and make our collection accessible. I will be providing the power point presentation (the one just gave to the Board). I will also be showing how a County Library, working together, makes a difference in rationalizing service.

4) **WSIB Update**

This issue continues, and will so in the foreseeable future.

5) **2012 Budget - Ideas**

We are once more entering into the budget process, this time for 2012. The largest portion of the budget is salaries and wages, with the next largest being material and branch rent. Both unions have 3 year contracts with known increases, and thus it is a known quantity. There has been some pressure to increase open hours in some branches, but there may not be political appetite to pursue that aspect, considering the increases in the 2011 County of Bruce budget for new staff. While the County is not yet feeling the direct impact of the economic uncertainty, this may be the time to maintain the status quo.

The Chairman indicated that indeed increased staffing may not be attainable in today's political and economic climate.

Moved by: Joan Harrison
Seconded: Lynne Sawatsky

Resol# 60-11
Direc. Rpt.

That the Director's report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

H. **Assistant Director's Report**

The Assistant Director, Ken MacLeod, informed the Board of his current status regarding his health and shared with them his plan to return full time. He thanked members for keeping him in their thoughts.

Moved by: Joan Harrison
Seconded: Lynne Sawatsky

Resol# 61-11
Direc. Rpt.

That the Assistant Director's report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

I. **Correspondence**

Card of thanks from Ken MacLeod. Filed with acknowledgment.

J. Other Business

SOLS Report (by Patricia Symon)

The meeting took place October 14th & 15th at the SOLS office in Toronto. Barbara Franchetto lead a discussion regarding Connectivity Funding. In 1999 1 million dollars was allocated to improve public library internet. Some of the libraries were not interested because the money would not last past the first year. Since 1999 \$8.3 million had been spent and yet the goal remains the same. There are still funds available. She expressed her concern that the SOLS booth, as seen for the Ontario East Municipal Conference, needed much improvement.

Patricia Symon indicated that she would like to let her name stand for SOLS for the next four years. The next meeting will take place November 5th in Flesherton from 10 am to 1 pm. Patricia asked if the Warden or the Chairman would consider attending.

Moved by: Joan Harrison

Resol# 62-11

Seconded: Les Nichols

SOLS Appt.

That Patricia Symon let her name stand for Trustee Council #3 of the Southern Ontario Library Service.

Carried.

John Michaluk asked, and encouraged that the mission statement, which was used in the presentation by the Director, be combined with the new logo. Members asked if it would be possible to have pins created in time for the OLA Conference.

K. Adjournment

Moved by: Les Nichols


Resol# 63-11

Seconded: Lynne Sawatsky

Adjournment

That the meeting be adjourned, to meet again November 16th, 12 pm, County Library Head Quarters.

Carried.



Chairman



Director