

MIDLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

DATE: April 9, 2009

LOCATION: Midland Public Library Boardroom

PRESENT: A. Campbell, V. Barycky, G.A. Walker, B. Desroches, J. Swick, P. File, J. LeFebvre, C. Moore

REGRETS: V. Nihill, R. Hackney

GUEST:

STAFF: G. Griffith, Recording Secretary, B. Molesworth, CEO

ITEM #	ISSUE	ACTION
1.	Call to Order G.A. Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.	
2.	Approval of the agenda Moved by: V. Barycky Seconded by: C. Moore That the agenda be approved, as circulated.	CARRIED
3.	Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting Moved by: J. LeFebvre Seconded by: V. Barycky That the minutes of the Board meeting held on March 12, 2009 be approved.	CARRIED
4.	Business arising from the minutes 4.1 Consultation with Donor At the request of Mayor J. Downer and C.A.O. T. Walker, B. Molesworth called the donor to set up a meeting to discuss his letter to B. Molesworth, dated March 6, 2009. He agreed to meet with the Mayor and C.A.O., only. They met the following Monday when the donor stated his concerns and set out his stipulations for the Library to possibly receive a reduced commitment in 2010, not 2009 as had previously been stated. An In Camera meeting of Council was held subsequent to this meeting to discuss the way ahead. B. Molesworth told Mayor Downer that the Library's fundraising efforts are underway and that other money may be on stream. MP, Bruce Stanton informed T. Walker and J. Downer that the Federal government will soon be announcing a new infrastructure programme that we may be eligible for.	

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5.	<p>Approval of the accounts</p> <p>Moved by: A. Campbell Seconded by: B. Desroches That the accounts for the month of March 2009 totalling \$86,732.78 be approved.</p>	CARRIED
6.	<p>Reports of Board Committees</p> <p>6.1 Finance Committee Finance Chair, A. Campbell distributed the Library Financial Statement for the Three Months Ending March 31, 2009. Adopted as presented.</p> <p>6.2 Fundraising Committee A draft fundraising plan, prepared by our Fundraiser, F. Kemp, was distributed to the Board. It outlines possible naming and recognition opportunities for different donor amounts. People can give as little as \$50.00 and receive some recognition. F. Kemp has been busy applying for grants, large and small. She has been gathering letters of support from the community to be sent in with an application to the Rural Economic Development Fund which could bring in \$450,000.00 to \$500,000.00. F. Kemp has also been meeting with members of the community that might be willing to sit on the capital fundraising committee. She has made progress here and will soon strike the committee. B. Molesworth and F. Kemp met with the C.A.O. and Treasurer of the Township of Tiny where a donation amount of \$100,000.00 from the Township was discussed. On May 11, 2009 a presentation will be made to the Township of Tiny Council. B. Molesworth has spoken with the Y's Men's Club and other service clubs in the area. All in all, we are receiving some positive response.</p>	

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6.	<p>Reports of Board Committees - continued</p> <p>6.3 Building Committee – Meeting/Progress/Schedule B. Molesworth informed the Board that remedial work to support the neighbouring building at 516 Elizabeth St. has begun. There are several options still being discussed for the rest of the construction site. With the cost of removal of lead paint and asbestos and this remedial support work, approximately half of the contingency budget for the expansion project has now been spent. We are also now about two months behind schedule.</p> <p>6.4 Report from the Friends of the Midland Public Library The planning for the Garden Tour is moving ahead. B. Molesworth and A. Aneroussos have been working diligently on the ticket/map and flyer production. Tickets should be on sale by May 1, 2009. Horticultural Societies from across Ontario have indicated an interest in the tour and some are planning bus excursions. All the garden sites have ample room for parking. The Friends are doing poster canvassing and are helping to run a raffle in conjunction with the Tour.</p>	
7.	<p>New business</p> <p>7.1 Ray Mayer Memorial B. Molesworth told the Board that the Library Staff would like to dedicate a bench and a tree in memory of Ray Mayer. The bench will cost around \$150.00 and the tree would be another \$200.00 to \$300.00, depending on the type of tree. Staff will be contributing and some members of the public have also made contributions. B. Molesworth asked the Board if they would contribute around \$150.00. He will be asking the Friends for a similar contribution. After some discussion, C. Moore suggested that each Board member contribute \$20.00 rather than take the money from the Library budget. Those present agreed. Donations can be dropped off at the Main Desk and a charitable donation receipt will be issued from the Friends.</p>	

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8.	Information	
	8.1 Chief Librarian's Report Adopted as circulated.	
9.	Adjournment Moved by: C. Moore That the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.	
		
<hr/> Chairman of the Board	<hr/> Chief Librarian	

