

MIDLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 14, 2010 **LOCATION:** Midland Public Library Boardroom
PRESENT: A. Campbell, V. Barycky, G.A. Walker, P. File, J. LeFebvre, C. Moore
REGRETS: B. Desroches, J. Swick, V. Nihill, R. Hackney,
STAFF: G. Griffith, Recording Secretary, B. Molesworth, CEO

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1.	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>G.A. Walker called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.</p>	
2.	<p>Approval of the agenda</p> <p>Moved by: J. LeFebvre Seconded by: V. Barycky That the agenda be approved as circulated.</p>	CARRIED
3.	<p>Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>Moved by: V. Barycky Seconded by: J. LeFebvre That the minutes of the Board meeting held on December 17, 2009 be approved.</p>	CARRIED
4.	<p>Business arising from the minutes</p> <p>4.1 Laurin/Green B. Molesworth had a visit with Mr. Green and made the offer of fixing the cracks in his building and buying the paint for him. He was a little reluctant. A discussion about the cost of the paint ensued. B. Molesworth thought it might be around \$500.00. Mr. Green countered with a request that we write him a cheque for \$4,000.00 and he would take care of the repairs and the paint. B. Molesworth asked for the Board's response. V. Barycky suggested that we talk to our Insurance company about the possibility of them covering this expense, as well as Mr. Laurin's roof, and that the Contractor be asked to approach their's. B. Molesworth stated that Town Clerk, A. Fay has approached our carrier but has had no response. The Contractor has also been approached about this matter.</p>	

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4.	<p>Business arising from the minutes - continued</p> <p>G.A. Walker stated that if we give Mr. Green \$4,000.00 we would have him sign-off on it. P. File asked what the deductible on our policy is. B. Molesworth said it is \$5,000.00. P. File stated that we should have a lawyer draw up a letter for him to sign. A discussion ensued.</p> <p>J. LeFebvre suggested that B. Molesworth go back to him for further negotiation. V. Barycky stated that she is completely opposed to paying him anything. If we give in to him then we could have other neighbours coming forward asking for compensation. The Board asked that B. Molesworth undertake further exploration and negotiation.</p> <p>4.2 Knowledge Ontario B. Molesworth reported that he has sent the communication to the Ministry of Culture that Knowledge Ontario had asked we send in support of them.</p>	
5.	<p>Approval of the accounts</p> <p>Moved by: A. Campbell Seconded by: C. Moore That the accounts for the month of December 2009 totalling \$479,803.13 be approved.</p>	CARRIED
6.	<p>Reports of Board Committees</p> <p>6.1 Finance Committee The Year End Financial Statement, with the new 2010 budget figures, is still not available.</p> <p>6.2 Fundraising Committee – Community Campaign Launch B. Molesworth reported that progress is being made. The request for \$100,000.00 from the Township of Tiny, at last check, was still in their budget. The final approval is tomorrow, so hopefully, good news. Home Hardware has donated landscaping, in-kind, and Rotary is meeting next Wednesday to decide how to spend</p>	

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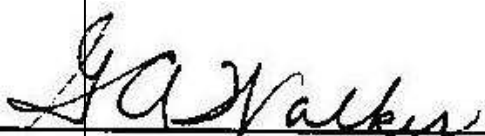
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6.	<p data-bbox="194 607 817 645">Reports of Board Committees - continued</p> <p data-bbox="373 680 1276 999">the proceeds from "Party on the Dock" which could mean we might receive more than the \$25,000.00 already committed. The Community Campaign launch will be Saturday, February 20 at the NSSRC. B. Molesworth spoke with the people at the IFOA and they will be sending three well known authors, one will be a children's author. \$5,000.00 in advertising is being made available by The Mirror and F. Kemp is working on other avenues. Rogers Cable and A-Channel will be running spots and "The Dock" radio station will be there on the day.</p> <p data-bbox="280 1037 671 1072">6.3 Building Committee</p> <p data-bbox="373 1075 1276 1503">B. Molesworth reported that things are progressing well on the construction site. There was a slight hold-up last week waiting for the people to come and pour the concrete over the in-floor radiant heat system, but that is now done. The Reference Department in the basement is closing a week tomorrow to make way for the asbestos removal crew. The whole building will be closed from March 7, 2010 to March 21, 2010 to move everything out of the old building into the expansion. P. File asked if there was any way of making a small collection available. B. Molesworth said no, it would be too dangerous while the move was in progress. Public announcements are going out soon.</p> <p data-bbox="280 1541 1171 1576">6.4 Report from the Friends of the Midland Public Library</p> <p data-bbox="373 1579 1276 1895">B. Molesworth explained that several of the Friends' stalwarts have been unable to continue to help due to illness. One of the members, R. Yeatman, indicated that he would be willing to recruit people to run the new Friends Store. B. Molesworth asked him if he would be willing to run an information/fundraising table at the Mall. He agreed that he would look into it, but would like people to give him names of any people they think might be willing to help. This endeavour might, in turn, be the start of an expanded Friends Group.</p>	


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7.	New business No new business.	
8.	Information 8.1 Chief Librarian's Report B. Molesworth reported that the total circulation figure at year end was 156,102, down by 2000 from last year. The drop can be attributed to construction disruptions and poor summer weather. P. File raised the issue of the letter that the Library Board sent to Council. She stated that it hadn't been discussed at any length at General Committee but that it will come up again at the full Council meeting. She asked the Board for any follow up they might like her to bring forward. She went on to say that she knew we would be receiving IT help from the Police Department but had we come up with any other solutions to not being given any additional staff. B. Molesworth responded that M. McCormick, our Custodian, has some ideas as to how we might cope with cleaning. It was stated that it would be nice if the letter to Council was read and responded to, with questions answered. P. File suggested that we could go to Council later, after we're open, and make a presentation. Council seems to want proof of our need. V. Barycky asked if we could use High School Co-op Students. B. Molesworth stated that the time we would have them for wouldn't be long enough to make it worthwhile putting the time into training them. We will use our current complement of Pages to help us through the summer.	
9.	Adjournment Moved by: J. LeFebvre That the meeting be adjourned at 7:45p.m.	





Chairman of the Board

Chief Librarian