

MIDLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

DATE: October 8, 2009

LOCATION: Midland Public Library Boardroom

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

REGRETS: J. Swick, R. Hackney

GUESTS: F Kemp, Fundraiser

S. Beatty, HR, Town of Midland

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 7:00 p.m.</p>	
2.	<p>Approval of the agenda</p> <p>Additions:</p> <p>6.2.1 Fundraising Committee – Board Donation</p> <p>Moved by: V. Barycky Seconded by: B. Desroches That the agenda be approved, as amended.</p>	CARRIED
3.	<p>Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>Moved by: J. LeFebvre Seconded by: B. Desroches That the minutes of the Board meeting held on August 27, 2009 be approved.</p>	CARRIED
4.	<p>Business arising from the minutes</p> <p>4.1 Freda Kemp – Fundraising</p> <p>F. Kemp reported on progress to date. The Fundraising Committee has the corporate campaign underway and they are keen. They all have lists of potential donors to approach. All the banks have been approached and each has been asked for a \$25,000.00 donation. B. Molesworth has been busy speaking to service clubs. He asked Rotary for a donation and, as a result, we may receive \$25,000.00 or, possibly, \$50,000.00. The Lion’s Club and the “Y” will also be approached. The Township of Tiny Council will be discussing our request for a donation of \$100,000.00 at either their November 16 or December 9, 2009 meeting. A letter will also be sent to Tiny on behalf of Midland</p>	

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4.	<p>Business arising from the minutes - continued</p> <p>Council. The County of Simcoe will also be approached for a donation of \$50,000.00. The contractor, Monteith, will also be asked to match the Architect's donation of \$100,000.00. F. Kemp informed the Board that she has started the grant application to the Trillium Foundation. The maximum amount has been raised from \$75,000.00 to \$150,000.00.</p> <p>F. Kemp asked the Board about the possibility of a fundraising initiative of their own. She went on to say that she doesn't want anyone to feel uncomfortable about this. They can donate individually or as a group.</p> <p>A question was asked about whether any money had been raised to date. F. Kemp responded by saying that, so far, there were commitments for a little over \$11,000.00. B. Molesworth added that there were still two grant applications out there that we are waiting to hear about and the Trillium grant is underway. He went on to say how helpful it has been having F. Kemp here to handle all of these in depth applications. G.A. Walker thanked F. Kemp for her report.</p> <p>4.2 Suzanne Beatty – Training for Accessibility G.A. Walker introduced the Town of Midland's Head of Human Resources, S. Beatty, who then began the provincially legislated training.</p> <p>4.3 IFOA B. Molesworth informed the Board that an ad has appeared in the Free Press about the Author Series to be held from Sunday, November 1 to Tuesday, November 3, 2009. As the host of the reading series, B. Molesworth received a cheque for \$150.00 which he has donated to the Building Fund. He distributed posters to the Board. There will be wine and cheese receptions at each event, but our expenses will be a lot lower as the IFOA is paying for travel and accommodation.</p> <p>4.4 Budget 2010 B. Molesworth will be meeting with C.A.O., T. Walker and Treasurer, S. Gignac tomorrow morning in preparation for the budget submission to Council to be held October 28, 2009.</p>	

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5.	<p>Approval of the accounts</p> <p>As there was no September Board meeting, the accounts for August and September, 2009 were on the table for perusal.</p> <p>Moved by: A. Campbell Seconded by: V. Nihill That the accounts for the months of August and September 2009 totalling \$364,072.80 and \$318,503.54, respectively, be approved.</p>	CARRIED
6.	<p>Reports of Board Committees</p> <p>6.1 Finance Committee Finance Committee Chairman, A. Campbell distributed the Library Financial Statement for the nine months ending September 30, 2009. He noted that the net operating position is about right at 75% spent.</p> <p>A question was raised about the Capital budget line under Library Expansion Expense – Consultant Fees – Fundraising. It is already stated as 100% spent. B. Molesworth explained that when the Fundraiser was hired that the Board had thought the individual would be paid from the proceeds, so no amount was set in the budget.</p> <p>6.2 Fundraising Committee Report was discussed under 4. Business arising from the minutes, 4.1 Freda Kemp – Fundraising.</p> <p>6.2.1 Fundraising – Board Donation Chairman, G.A. Walker, raised the item F. Kemp had spoken to briefly about a Board sponsored fundraising project. Should the Board give as a group? G.A. Walker threw the floor open for discussion. It was suggested that the Board needs to be seen in the community as supporting the fundraising project. P. File suggested that perhaps Board members could approach their friends to support a Board sponsored fundraising project. Several members spoke in favour of private,</p>	

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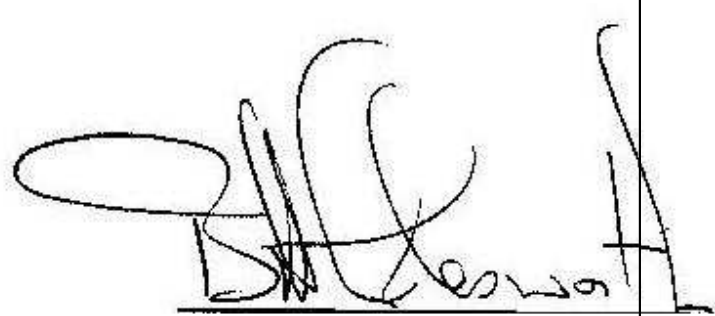
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6.	<p>Reports of Board Committees – continued</p> <p>individual donations. After some discussion, G.A. Walker asked the Board which idea they supported. It was agreed that Board members support the idea of individual donations.</p> <p>P. File, speaking for R. Hackney, who was unable to attend this meeting, said the Huronia Museum is launching a fundraising campaign and R. Hackney is concerned that there are too many other campaigns starting that will affect our efforts. B. Molesworth outlined the plan F. Kemp had said she would follow, which was to start with grant applications and then move to the corporate campaign and this has been the progression.</p> <p>6.3 Building Committee – Progress/Schedule B. Molesworth reported that the Building Expansion is still on schedule. The masonry work has been slowed down due to the weather but it should be closed in by the time the weather turns.</p> <p>6.4 Report from the Friends of the Midland Public Library</p> <p>No meetings have been held recently.</p>	
7.	<p>New business</p> <p>No new business.</p>	
8.	<p>Information</p> <p>8.1 Chief Librarian’s Report Adopted as circulated.</p> <p>8.2 Filtering Software for Libraries – update B. Molesworth informed the Board that there is a second Private Member’s Bill before the Ontario Legislature recommending the installation of filtering software on public Internet computers to protect children. However, Premier Dalton McGuinty has stated that his government feels this is the responsibility of parents, not the government.</p>	

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9.	<p>On a separate note, V. Barycky commended B. Molesworth for his handling of the slings and arrows that at times have come his way during the expansion project.</p> <p>Adjournment</p> <p>Moved by: J. LeFebvre That the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.</p>	
	<p>Chairman of the Board</p>	 <p>Chief Librarian</p>