Minutes of the Madawaska Valley Public Library Board Meeting
May 27, 2024 at 3:30 pm (online/in-person)

Present: Mary Blank, Mary Conway, Claire Sullivan, and Hanna Domagala (online)
Regrets: Bill Houle, Kevin Quade

1. In the chair's absence, Mary Blank nominated Claire Sullivan to be acting chair for the meeting. Seconded by Mary Conway. Carried.
2. Quorum was confirmed.
3. Claire Sullivan called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.
4. Acknowledgement Statement: "***I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Algonquin people. We recognize and respect the history, languages, and cultures of the First Nations, Metis, Inuit and all Indigenous peoples whose presence continues to enrich our communities."***
5. Declaration of conflict of interest: None.
    a. Claire Sullivan approved the May 27, 2024 agenda with the addition of a closed meeting. Seconded by Mary Bank. Carried.
    b. Hanna Domagala approved the minutes of the April 29, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Mary Conway. Carried.
6. Business arising from the minutes
    a. Mary Conway approved policies BL-05, GOV-12, and OP-07 with changes. Seconded by Mary Blank. Carried.
    b. Strategic Planning: no update
        a. The June 10, special meeting of the Board will be rescheduled so that we have quorum.
    c. Spring Trivia night raised approximately $1,100, with 12 teams in attendance, including two donations.
    d. An application is being prepared to advertise the Board member vacancy, with applications due at the end of June.
7. Correspondence:
    a. Board members are encouraged to view the recordings of the OLS webinars: Navigating Governance webinar series: Strengthening Library-Municipal Partnerships & Good Governance Through the Lens of the Public Libraries Act available on Learn HQ.
8. Mary Blank approved the Librarian's Report for April. Seconded by Mary Conway. Carried.

- Miriam Granger, a retired social worker, ran a youth mental health workshop for 5 sessions. We had 7 children registered, and 5 who attended regularly. We will hold similar workshops in the fall for parents and teens. We applied for a grant to support the cost of resources for these workshops. Each session participants customized an item, t-shirts, pillow cases, photo frame, key chains, to help them remember what they had learned. They also received a healthy snack.
- Robert Fisher showed his farming documentary on April 13 at the Legion to a crowd of 30+ people. Many local producers attended, and there was a lot of lively discussion afterwards. Stone and Seed Farmstead donated carrots and beets for our taste test.
- April 27, Amy Tector, a mystery author from Ottawa, was at the Opeongo Seniors Centre for a lively interview style presentation. We had 12 attendees. Amy also sold several copies of her new book.
- On April 2, Fiona King Foster, a author from Toronto, who grew up locally, ran a writing workshop for 10 high school students from Madawaska Valley District School. The students were chosen by their English teacher. Fiona discussed her writing and publishing process, and students participated in several writing exercises. The teachers said the students went back to school enthusiastic and hyped from the day. The library provided a pizza lunch from Vito's.

- CRA attended the library on April 9 for an information session regarding 65+ Income Tax, and Fraud and Scams. We had a small turnout, with only 5 attendees.
- I pulled together a team of 5 participants for George Vanier Catholic School's trivia night on April 12. We had a great time! George Vanier pays for their winning team to attend the library's trivia night, so this was a good cause to support!
- Denis Boulianne has started a Tuesday morning sewing club for youth to run from mid-April until the end of May. He plans to run an adult program for us in May.
- The Algonquin College Community Employment Services held two pop ups in April 4th and April 18th. They are here for two hours and see approximately 3 people per session, depending on the client's needs. We are happy they will continue to offer this service at the library over the summer months. This is a great example of libraries offering a community service and filling a gap where services are lacking in the community. This and Service Canada are great benefits to our library programming.
- Service Canada was scheduled to attend the library April 20, however, they cancelled due to low registration. Unfortunately, they require 5 registrations in order to come to Barry's Bay. We also have a few walk-ins when they are here. They will return on June 4.
- Moose FM has been spectacular at supporting library events and programs by announcing them on air. We struggle to advertise our services, and this has been a great help. Several people have said they heard about it on the radio.
- We had three children attend Lego Club on April 20. We are shelving this program until fall.
- We are also shelving our adult Craft and Chat until fall, now that the weather is beautiful. We will bring this program back in a slightly different format in September.
- Our Walking Group continues to meet each week, with 5-6 regulars. They socialize at the library afterwards. It has been a great group for reducing isolation and helping newcomers meet people.
- We were successful in receiving a Canada Summer Jobs grant for 31 hours a week for 9 weeks. A candidate will be hired in May to start at the end of June until the end of August.
- Book Club read the memoir *Educated* by Tara Westover in April.
- In June, July and August, we will be focusing on increased traffic, planning and delivering summer programs.

Circulation Statistics 2024

	April
Library visits	770
Items checked out	1272
Computer sessions	86
Personal devices	4
Memberships	
New MV*	10
New BLR	0
Renewals MV*	20
Renewals BLR	2
Interlibrary Loans	
Total	79
ILL borrowed	47
ILL lent	32
OverDrive/Libby	

ebooks	289
audiobooks	126
magazines	117
E-Resources	
Word Travel	1
Consumer Health Complete	2
Mango Languages	14
Novelist	13
Kanopy	7
	51
Fiero Code	15
CBC Corner	0
*includes non-resident & summer	

9. Hanna Domagala approved the Treasurer's Financial Report for April. Seconded by Mary Conway. Carried.

Balance Forward	177,873.43
Deposits	335.95
Expenses	19,882.58
Bank Balance	**158,326.80**
Outstanding	6,181.53
Book Balance	**164,508.33**
Growth Savings	8,590.45
	$ 173,098.78

10. New Business:
    a. Mar Blank approved the Draft Audit for 2023. Seconded by Claire Sullivan. Carried.
    b. The Buy a Bag Used Book sale held May 17 & 18 over Bay Day weekend, raised $719.
    c. The homepage of our website received an update and is looking refreshed. The event calendar is now on the front page, as well as new books just in.
    d. We are thankful for a donation from the Gardening Club to support our Kids Gardening Club this summer. Their donation will purchase a raised bed and seeds, as well they are donating some compost soil.

11. Recommendation that the meeting enter In-Camera Session to discuss matters pertaining to "the security of the property of the municipality or local board", "personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees", a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board", Ontario Municipal Act 2011, c.25, s.239 (2)(a)(b)(c).

Hanna Domagala made a motion to move to Closed Meeting at 4:15 pm. Seconded by Mary Conway. Carried.

Mary Blank made a motion to return to Open Meeting at 4:35pm. Seconded by Mary Conway. Carried.

12. Next meeting date Monday, June 24, 2024 at 3:30 pm. Please note there are no regular meetings in July and August.

13. Motion to adjourn by Hanna Domagala at 4:35pm. Seconded by Mary Conway. Carried.

Upcoming Meetings Dates:
June 10, 2024 No meetings in July and August Sept. 30, 2024

Upcoming Events
June 8 Author Talk with Charlotte Gibson at the Legion, 1:30pm

Claire Sullivan
Acting Chair

Natalie Barrington
Secretary