

- We must keep the budget in mind
- Reserve funds are sufficient to manage in the immediate future
- Overall the increase is not a concern this year but we must plan for the long term

5. **Operations Report:** H Parcey

- The Ops Report was emailed to the PPL Board on September 11, 2022
- The Fall volunteer schedule is set to the end of December
- Head Librarian performance evaluation still to be done

6. **Librarian Report:** L Bernardin

- Library is now open to the public in the mornings
- Patio project is well on the way to completion
- L Bernardin attended a Library Networking day in Selkirk with librarians from across the province. The sessions were very informative and covered many of the issues that libraries are encountering, for example, e-books and the expense and work involved in purchasing them. A key issue is government funding levels. Will they be raised in order to offset the increased costs libraries are facing? Participants and their library boards were strongly encouraged to write to the Manitoba Library Association to express their concerns
- Our circulation stats continue to be well above average. In 2021 our circulation per capita was 7.5 whereas the average for rural libraries across Manitoba was 4.3. Unfortunately, this has no bearing on the amount of government funds we receive. Funding levels are based on population, number of municipalities and how many branches a library has
- We have asked our software company to give us the ability to generate patron group reports
- Ops report reviewed and discussed

7. **Financial Report:** B McCamis

- Discussion of the Treasurer's Report which was emailed to the PPL Board September 20, 2022
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented

8. **Junior Book Selection:** L Bernardin

- Library staff are managing selections at present
- An effort will be made to raise student awareness of e-books and audio books

9. **Adult Book Selection:** M Luke

- The selection committee will be meeting in the near future

10. **Library Presentations:**

- Lois will approach Juan Pablo Quinonez, winner of History channel's "Alone", about a presentation
- It would be in the form of an interview with the opportunity for audience questions

11. **Old Business:**

- a. Story Walk: Signs are ready and will be in place soon. Activity packs will be available at the library. George Gibson will be building our Little Lending Library
- b. Story time program with Kaci Kroeker in charge and guest readers: Story Time is held every second Friday as well as on special events such as Halloween. With the funds from the Literacy for Life Grant Kaci has purchased books, puzzles and games

