

5. Operations Report: H Parcey, L Bernardin

i. H Parcey:

- Completing Child Abuse Registry Checks for grandfathered volunteers.

Since 2020 new volunteers have been required to undergo a Child Abuse Registry Check. In the past some volunteers have been excused, however all current volunteers will be asked to complete this check as it is Board policy.

- Volunteer schedule for April – June completed.
- Wednesday afternoon volunteer schedule is in the works.
- Volunteer appreciation week is April 14-20. A thank-you will go in the newsletter.
- Planning soon for Volunteer appreciation event in mid-June.
- M Tiede and H. Parcey conducted a Safety Audit in February.

ii. L Bernardin:

- The PPL Operations Report was sent to the PPL Board by email on March 28, 2024.

6. Librarian's Report: L Bernardin

Submitted to the PPL Board by email on March 28, 2024.

Jan Schmalenberg has arranged to have Kelly Leask from Prairie Originals in Selkirk present an Alternative Gardening presentation on April 2. Blair Skinner will be giving the presentation, *What is an SMR?*, on Thursday May 16. We had a successful first Pinawa Public Library Book Club meeting lead by Jennifer Reese on March 19th. Nine people attended - about as large as we would want a book club to get. I have sent a YIP Grant application in for \$215.00 for a new electronic display. The staff evaluations have been completed. We received a donation of \$100.00 from the Lion's Club Bingo for the children's library. We have been running short on both time and storage space due to the expansion of our services. This is especially so for our children's services where we are not able to keep up with the donations we receive. I have asked Holly to slowly expand our volunteer program by requesting a volunteer to come in one afternoon a week to help us. Regarding the storage issue, Yuri Menekov has volunteered his time to help us reorganize the office and install some new shelving for children's supplies.

- L Bernardin will represent the PPL at the Meet and Greet being held at the Pinawa Club on Sunday, April 7, 2024.

7. Treasurer's Report: B McCamis

- The Treasurer's reports were sent to the PPL Board by email March 28, 2024.
- The LGD of Pinawa has increased our grant for 2024.

MOTION: To amend the 2024 PPL Budget to include the LGD of Pinawa grant increase.

Moved: B McCamis

Second: H Parcey

Carried

- The Treasurer's reports are accepted as presented.

8. Children's Report: J Miller

The Children's Librarian Report was given to the PPL Board on April 1, 2024.

Kid Librarian: We launched our new program at the beginning of March. Our first "kid librarian" was the Ikonen family. All three kids chose books to display, and we received a lot of positive feedback from patrons, as well, several of the books they displayed were checked out! We look forward to featuring our April Librarian(s).

LEGO Club: LEGO Club continues to have very high participation numbers. We will be having our 4th one on April 6th. Dr. Selena Papetti has been generously donating a wide variety of snacks for each event, as well as donating several new LEGO kits. We are seeing kids come to this event who would not normally attend a Storytime. On average, we have had about 24 attendees for each LEGO Club.

March Storytimes: We had a guest reader for our Munsch Madness Storytime, Karl Agnew from Pinawa Players did an amazing job reading some classic Robert Munsch books. We will have him back again! Our Easter Storytime was also highly attended with 26 people. The kids enjoyed stories, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt through the book stacks!

Book Donations: We have had an influx of book donations in February and March, as well as the arrival of a large book order, which is wonderful for our collection, but is taking some time to sort through and catalogue.

Pinawa Lions Hometown Bingo: We are excited and thankful to receive a donation of \$100 this month from the Pinawa Lions Hometown Bingo Club to go towards “Children’s Programming.”

Independent Summer Reading Program: I am hoping to work on developing an Independent Summer Reading Program for children from July-August. This would be a separate program from the weekly story times that the students will be having. I am hopeful that we can provide this for free to any kids who want to sign up. Ideally, each child who registers would receive a book bag containing a note pad, pencil, stickers, small treats, and a reading card/ book bingo game that they can work towards filling out and receive a small prize (Ice Cream Voucher?) when they read a certain number of books.

Upcoming Events in April: April 5th – Student Storytime “Bluey and Bingo” theme; April 6th- LEGO Club; April 19th – PD DAY Storytime “Earth Day” theme; April 28th – Storytime “April Showers Brings May Flowers” theme.

9. Adult Book Selection: M Luke

- A meeting is being held this week with a book order to follow.

10. Presentations:

Upcoming presentations:

- Author Gordon Goldsborough and his new book *On the Road to Abandoned Manitoba*. To be held Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7:00 p. m.
- LEGO for adults by M Luke
- Presentations by M King on trains and the town of Churchill (Perhaps incorporate a wine-tasting fund raiser featuring Canadian wines)
- Presentation on the SMR by Blair Skinner. To be held Thursday, May 16, 2024

11. Old Business:

- a. Update on our request for funding increase from the SDW:

The current agreement between the Pinawa Public Library and the School District of Whiteshell is outdated and requires revision. By holding regular meetings with Superintendent Kent Schiltroth we hope to find a solution to the funding issue and develop a revised agreement that is flexible and suitable to both parties.

- b. Strategic Planning status: the suggestion was made to contact economic development organization, Community Futures Winnipeg River, to provide guidance to the Board in formulating our strategic plan. They offer a variety of complimentary services including planning, counseling, training, etc.

ACTION: M King to contact Community Futures Winnipeg River and request a facilitator to work with the PPL Board on strategic planning.

