

**SUNDRIDGE-STRONG UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
March 21, 2019**

PRESENT: Sundridge - Sarah Barnes, Shawn Jackson, Fraser Williamson
Strong - Betty McLaren, Jeff McLaren, Cindy Van Til
STAFF PRESENT: Melinda Kent, Librarian/CEO
ABSENT: Stephen Rawn with regrets

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:00 p.m.

Fraser asked if there were any pecuniary interests to declare and there were none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was,

MOVED BY: Jeff McLaren

SECONDED BY: Cindy Van Til

That the agenda be approved as circulated. *Carried.*

MINUTES:

It was,

MOVED BY: Betty McLaren

SECONDED BY: Jeff McLaren

That the minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting of the Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Board be adopted as presented. *Carried.*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Shawn spoke with Nancy at the Village office regarding internet costs and faster internet speeds. Nancy indicated she would follow up with Melinda. Melinda did not receive any information at this time.

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES:

It was:

MOVED BY: Shawn Jackson

SECONDED BY: Sarah Barnes

That the statement of expenses for the Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library for the month of February 2019 in the amount of \$2428.89 be accepted as presented.
Carried.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

See attached.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS:

All final (unaudited) numbers have been received from the Village Treasurer that are needed for 2019 budget planning. A discussion was held about the budget.

There was a discussion regarding the retirement gratuity reserve.

It was:

MOVED BY: Jeff McLaren

SECONDED BY: Betty McLaren

That the Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library move the reserve for the retirement gratuity (\$2305.00) to the reserve for the working funds. *Carried.*

DISCUSSION

There was a discussion regarding other possible locations for the library. High speed internet is something that is needed to run the JASI system and to accommodate the usage of the internet by library patrons.

There was a discussion about looking for grants. Researching grants and filling out the paper work takes a lot of time. It was suggested that the Village of Sundridge and Township of Strong consider hiring a grant writer. It was felt that there are many unclaimed grants available and if there was a dedicated person to search and apply for grants more money may be available for community resources like the library. The librarian could also look into grants.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE:

No update at this time.

LIFELONG LEARNING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The KonMari event was held at the Township of Strong building and 23 people were in attendance. The Hygge (Finding Joy in the Ordinary) event will take place on Monday, April 1st at the Highland Brewery. Bee keeping and film viewing are coming up in the next month or two.

POLICY MANUAL:

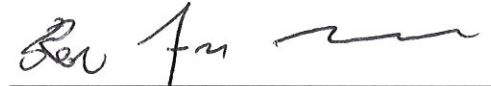
No update at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

It was,

MOVED BY: Jeff McLaren

That we adjourn at 8:34 pm until the next regular meeting of the Sundridge-Strong Union Public Library Board to be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 25, 2019 or at the call of the chair. *Carried.*



Chairperson



Recording Secretary