

ERMLS Board Meeting
June 10, 2024
Saturna Island Library

Present: Debbie Lesurf, Chair; Carmen Craioveanu, Treasurer; Madeleine Picciotto, Secretary; Ellen Bourassa, Rosemary Henry, Pamala Page. **Absent:** Pauline Preston, Vice-Chair. **Invited Visitor:** Jan MacLennan.

1. Call to order and territorial acknowledgment: The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m., with the acknowledgment that we meet on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish people.

2. Agenda and past minutes of May 7, 2024: Approved as presented.

3. Governance

- **Relationship with Seed Library / Seed-Sharing Program:** A meeting between Debbie Lesurf, Heather Michaud, and Pauline Preston explored the ongoing relationship between the library and the seed-sharing initiative. A motion was offered by Pamala Page and seconded by Madeleine Picciotto to the effect that, going forward, the Seed Library (seeds themselves) will continue to be an official program of the Saturna Library, included in the library programming budget; however, the current Seed-Sharing Program (events, workshops, etc.) will not be library-sponsored or library-funded. The motion was carried unanimously. It was noted that given this new understanding, the Seed-Sharing Program will not be able to apply for grant funding under the library auspices. Heather Michaud will be taking on leadership of the Seed-Sharing Program. Rosemary Henry will continue serving as liaison between the library and the Seed-Sharing Program.
- **Roles/Responsibilities of Board Members:** A motion was offered by Ellen Bourassa and seconded by Rosemary Henry to the effect that there should be some board representation at each library-sponsored event, but that there is no obligation for every board member to attend every library-sponsored event. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Strategic Plan Review**
 - Review of Goal #2: To offer excellent Library programs for all members of the Saturna community. It was agreed to defer discussion of this item to the next board meeting.

4. Operations

- **Budget:** Ellen Bourassa reported that we have spent slightly over half of our allotted budget and are on track for the remainder of 2025.
- **Lamb BBQ Book Sale:** Jan MacLennan updated the board on preparations for the book sale. This year we have five new volunteers to work at the sale. Volunteers will work 1.5-hour shifts throughout the day. We agreed that items will be priced at \$4 for hardcovers, \$3 for soft covers, \$1 for all kids' books, and DVDs at 2/\$1. Prices may be reduced later in the afternoon. We have roughly 20 boxes of books now, and can use more donations. Gloria Manzano has agreed to take any books that are unsold at the end of the day.
- **Summer Reading Program:** Jan MacLennan is spearheading the program, with support from Laura Atkinson. The goal is to increase participation over last summer.

- **BookTalks:** Ellen Bourassa noted that we have almost exhausted our funding for the BookTalks program. We agreed that it would be appropriate to apply for further funding from the Parks & Recreation Commission in the 2025 cycle. We also agreed to do more to promote donations at the events, e.g. using the library banner and presenting options for donations.
- **Best Practices Committee:** Carmen Oleskevich from the Pender Library has instituted a Best Practices Committee across the Southern Gulf Island libraries to discuss library operations. Pauline Preston is our Saturna Library representative, and has also agreed to serve as our library's Privacy Officer.
- **Upcoming Library Events:** We noted several upcoming library-sponsored events.
 - June 12 – Creative Writing Workshop with Ferron Foisy
 - June 16 – Pop-Up Library @ the FAB
 - July 1 – Lamb BBQ Book Sale
 - July 18 – Open Mic Night
 - August 13 – Library Volunteers Summer Social

5. Next meeting: August 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

6. Adjournment: 11:41 a.m.