

ERMLS Board Meeting
Aug. 13, 2024
210 Cliffside Rd., Saturna Island

Present: Debbie Lesurf, Chair; Carmen Craioveanu, Treasurer; Madeleine Picciotto, Secretary; Ellen Bourassa, Rosemary Henry, Pamala Page. **On leave:** Pauline Preston, Vice-Chair.

1. Call to order and territorial acknowledgment: The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m., with the acknowledgment that we meet on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish people.

2. Agenda and past minutes of June 10, 2024: Approved with minor changes.

3. Governance

- **Strategic Plan Review:** Review of Goal #2 — To offer excellent library programs for all members of the Saturna community. Results of the 2023 community survey indicated that aside from seed-sharing, the community was not well aware of other library programs. We focused this meeting's discussion on two of our library programs, with discussion of other programs to be undertaken in future meetings.
 1. **Seed Library:** It was agreed at our previous meeting to clarify the relationship between the Seed-Sharing Program and the library. Action item: In order to have a stronger understanding, we will have a meeting by the end of October 2024 between the leadership of the Seed-Sharing Program and library board representatives (Chair/Treasurer/Seed Program Liaison) to further explore the future funding model. Debbie Lesurf has agreed to arrange this meeting.
 2. **BookTalks and Open Mic Nights:** The baseline expenditure for each BookTalk is \$75 to cover use of the Lodge; bringing in off-island authors is much more expensive. Our funding for this program is now almost depleted. We agreed that we need to do more to identify BookTalks as a library program and to promote the understanding that BookTalk donations benefit the library. Action item: We will undertake a range of promotional activities for all BookTalk and Open Mic nights. These will include display of the library banner; a consistent script for introducing each event, to be drafted by Pamala Page; clarification that donations constitute charitable funding for the library, with a receptacle and sign arranged by Ellen Bourassa; promotion of the Canada Helps donation option, also to be arranged by Ellen Bourassa; a checklist for all BookTalk events, to be produced by Pamala Page. Once these items are in place, Debbie Lesurf will arrange a meeting with Tex McLeod to discuss the new initiatives.
- **Brief Budget Review:** The used book sale at this year's Lamb BBQ generated approximately \$1600, consistent with previous years. We discussed ongoing budget considerations.

4. Operations

- **Book Acquisition Committee:** The board agreed that we do not always need to have new books available immediately upon publication, and that we can be more flexible regarding the timeline for book acquisitions. Ellen Bourassa will confirm the exact amount available for 2024 book acquisitions. We will have a full discussion at the November board meeting of priorities for book acquisitions.
- **Upcoming Library Events:** We noted several upcoming library-sponsored events.
 - August 17 — Song & Story Time (Summer Reading Program)
 - October 19 — Open House (Launch of New Children's/Youth Area)
 - Open Mic Night for SEEC students — TBD

5. Next meeting: September 10, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

6. Adjournment: 11:50 a.m.