

CRD Southern Gulf Islands Library Commission

Bi-Annual business meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2021, 9:30 am by Zoom

Minutes

Attendance (participants are Commissioners except where noted)

Pender Island: Laura Vilness, Lori Ragan, Dianne Wilson

Mayne Island: Marilyn Winterbottom, Lee Anthony, Judi Walker

Galiano Island: Jennifer Margison, Sarah Stang

Saturna Island: Gitte Nelson, Ilka Olsen

Piers Island: Ginny Macoun, Charl Young

CRD: Paul Brent (Alt. for David Howe, CRD Director),

Staff: Carmen Oleskevich - Library Director; Melody Pender - Bookkeeper, Colette Clarke – Library Technician (minute-taker)

1. Chairperson Laura Vilness called the meeting to order at 9:32 am

“We acknowledge that we meet on the unceded territory of the Coast Salish.”

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion/Seconded/Carried to approve the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C to approve minutes from the Oct 22, 2020 meeting.

- 4. Financial Report:** Carmen presented the year-end 2020 financial statements which included additional expenses due to COVID-19 related materials/equipment, and reported the Commission was in good financial standing. Melody announced that the SGILC 2021 requisition with increased funds for staffing was approved by the CRD.

M/S/C to accept the 2020 year-end financial report as presented.

- 5. CRD Alternate Director Report** – Paul Brent gave Director Howe’s regrets, and commented that the SGILC was an extraordinarily well run Commission and congratulated the group on their professionalism.

- 6. SGILC Library Director Report & COVID Response Update** – as submitted.

7. Other Business

7.1 Funds for Indigenous materials and programming: SGILC has annual allotment of funds specifically for Indigenous themed practices as part of Truth & Reconciliation activities; Judi

outlined upcoming joint program to be launched Natl. Indigenous Persons Day (June 21) with an online event for all SGI libraries featuring author Darrel McLeod, and to challenge all islanders to read his Governor General award-winning book *Mamaskatch*.

7.2 Long-term Planning: Carmen submitted a proposal that the SGILC review our operating model, (as it has been 20 years since the Commission was formed), to position our libraries for the future.

M/S/C to form an *ad hoc* committee with members from each library to review the SGILC operating model. **Action:** Ad hoc committee to meet by Zoom, with the goal of reporting to the SGILC at the Fall 2021 meeting.

8. Reflections

9. Upcoming meetings

SGILC bi-annual business meeting, Fall 2021 (TBA)

SGILC Educational tour 2021 (TBA)

Adjournment at 10:36 am