

**WHITESTONE-HAGERMAN MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
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**Whitestone Public Library Board Meeting
January 26, 2010 9:00 am @ Whitestone Hagerman Memorial Public Library**

Members Present: Margareta Linko, Elizabeth Hamilton, Beth Koski, Don Carter, Morley Moore
Regrets: Ruth Brownley, Diann Reinhardt
Staff in attendance: Lori Guillemette

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by M. Linko at 9:10 am.

MINUTES OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMMENDED FOR JANUARY 26, 2010

APPROVED: E. Hamilton

SECONDED: B. Koski

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES DECEMBER 4, 2009

MOVED: D. Carter

SECONDED: M. Linko

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The 2010 proposed budget was presented to Council on January 18, 2010 and approved.

D. Carter has been nominated to the Northern Ontario Library Service Board and the election will be held later this winter. It will be an electronic vote this year.

The food for fines program went very well. 3 overflowing boxes were collected from members and passed on to the Lion's Club.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Lion's Club sent a thank you letter for our participation in their Christmas food drive.

A letter of appreciation was forwarded to L. Guillemette from Ms. R. White Hickey. L. Guillemette sent it to the municipal office to ensure that Council Members have received a copy.

We received a \$100.00 donation from the recreation committee. A thank you letter will be sent to the Chair of the Recreation Committee, Jenny DeGrow.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The November financial statement was circulated. December's financial statement will be available for February's meeting. L. Guillemette and R. Brownley will be preparing for the audit taking place at the end of this month.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MOVED: B. Koski

SECONDED: M. Linko

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LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The November / December library administrator's report was circulated, along with the 2009 Annual Report.

Statistics for	Nov. 2009	Nov. 2008	+/-
Junior Books	69	n/a	
Adult Fiction/Nonfiction	413	n/a	
Magazines	70	n/a	
Large Print	5	n/a	
Total Print Materials	557	569	- 12
Audio Books	4	n/a	
Overdrive Downloaded	24	n/a	
Videos/DVDs	260	257	+ 3
Computer Users	129	98	+31
Wireless Users	20	n/a	
Virtual visits	301	n/a	
Program attendance	74	122	- 48
Total Library Members	811	n/a	

Statistics for	Dec.2009	Dec. 2008	+/-
Junior Books	86	n/a	
Adult Fiction/Nonfiction	447	n/a	
Magazines	60	n/a	
Large Print	12	n/a	
Total Print Materials	609	464	+145
Audio Books	4	n/a	
Overdrive Downloaded	19	n/a	
Videos/DVDs	323	266	+ 57
Computer Users	90	98	- 8
Wireless Users	16	n/a	
Virtual visits	284	n/a	
Program attendance	78	92	- 14
Total Library Members	815	n/a	

This November we offered another preschool literacy workshop with Valerie Fowler, of the H.A.N.D.s network. The attendance for this event was very good and we hope to increase our preschool story hours in 2010. We have purchased new storytime supplies, including oversized picture books, puppets, felt board and story pieces and some literacy kits to help us with this new service.

We hosted our second annual Food For Fines event for the months of November and December and donated 3 large boxes of food to the Lion's Club Christmas drive. Thank you to all of our library members who brought in their overdue books and generous food donations. Special thanks also go out to our members who dropped off items, even without a fine.

There was a positive response to our Christmas hours again this year. Many libraries close between Christmas and New Years (and some for an even longer period) however we chose to remain open, with reduced hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. We signed out many books, magazines and DVDs. It was especially nice to be open while local and seasonal residents waited in town for the Olympic torch. Just before the library closed the torch came through and they stopped for pictures.

Library Staff and board members completed the Customer Service Training through the municipality.
Lori Guillemette –C.E.O. / Library Administrator

COMMITTEE UPDATES

NEW BUSINESS

The Friends of the Library made a donation on behalf of the Whitestone Hagerman Memorial Public Library to the Haiti Relief Fund being collected through Pollard's IDA.

A computer printer/fax/colour copier will be purchased, along with 3 new computers to replace the remaining older public computers.

Facebook training will be offered every Thursday afternoon in the library. L. Guillemette explained that facebook has become a popular way to connect with family and friends. Many businesses are also using facebook now. Anyone interested in learning about this social networking tool is welcome to come in to find out more about it.

M. Linko has continued to investigate the possibility of partnering with other organizations to provide guest speakers for the community. M. Linko and E. Hamilton attended a session at Belvadere Heights and made enquiries about offering speakers in our municipality. This can be an excellent way the library can service the community and reach people who are not regular library users. Sharing information from organizations like the Community Care Access Centre at the Parry Sound Mall will benefit the seniors in our area.

In camera 10:45

Out of camera 11:00

An unfinished business section will be added to the agenda minutes.

Jennifer Kolari, an author who is also one of our library members may be coming to the Whitestone Lake Central School as a speaker in the spring. L. Guillemette suggested that the library may want to consider partnering with the school in this endeavour. In the past we have donated signed books from the visiting author. L. Guillemette will notify the board when the event has been confirmed.

The issue of reusable bags was revisited. More thought will be given and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Michael Chan is the new Minister of Tourism and Culture. We will send a letter of congratulations along with a library mug and an OLSN library bag. D. Carter will draft the letter and L. Guillemette will send the package to his office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pandemic Policy

Business Cards

Reusable bags

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Feb 23, 2010 @ 9:00am at The Whitestone -Hagerman Memorial Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO A CLOSE AT 11:35 AM.

Moved: E. Hamilton

Seconded: B. Koski

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