



*Inspire together & expand horizons*

**Regular Board Meeting minutes  
April 24, 2021 – 10:30-noon Pacific**

**Location: via Zoom**

**Trustees:** Lynda Anderson-Thibault (Midway), Kevin Atherton (Elkford), Joanne Beetstra (Trail), Connie Beranek (Sparwood), Randi Fjeldseth (Nelson), Shannon Girardo (Beaver Valley), Anne Heard (Kaslo), Wendy Hurst (Castlegar Alternate), Cathie Kearns (Kimberley), Mary Kierans (Grand Forks), Linda King (Penticton), Abby Kokolski (Radium), Frank Longo (Ferne), Laurie Riehl (Creston), Jill Seaborn (Castlegar), Mindy Smith (Beaver Valley), Shori Smith (Nakusp), Abigail Steele (Rossland), Gail Wakulich (Cranbrook)

**Absent:** Daneve McAffer (Invermere), Janet Pierce (Salmo), Shawn Whitelegg (Greenwood)

**Guest:** Adrienne Wass, Public Libraries Branch

**KLF Staff:** Melanie Reaveley, Executive Director

**Library Directors:** Stacey Boden (Rossland), Ursula Brigl (Cranbrook), Heather Buzzell (Penticton), Taylor Caron (Salmo), Emma Dressler (Ferne), Cari Gawletz (Grand Forks), Saara Itkonen (Creston), Samantha Murphy (Trail), Anne Rogers (Invermere), Tracey Therrien (Nelson), Jacqueline Wagner (Radium)

**Call to Order 10:20am**

1. Territorial acknowledgment
2. Approval of agenda was made by Abby Kokolski and seconded by Randi Fjeldseth. Carried.
3. Public Libraries Branch update by Adrienne Wass. A copy of Adrienne's presentation will be shared.
4. Laurie Riehl moved and Frank Longo seconded the consent agenda. Carried.  
Due to illness, the KLF Chair is absent today. Her verbal report was shared in the chat and is included here: *Sorry I am not available for this meeting due to being ill. I have been thinking*

*about the last year. I want to thank our library directors, their board of trustees and our ED Melanie Reaveley, for their continuous dedication and being flexible in meeting our patrons needs. Well done. Melanie thank you for all the zoom meetings you initiated and bringing directors together to facilitate discussion. You were a bright star in our journey. It is time to recognize our successes and celebrate. I hope we can meet in person soon so we can renew our friendships and sharing of a meal.*

Melanie mentioned some recent highlights

- With thanks to the Public Libraries Branch, collectively the six Library Federations have received a Steps to Reconciliation grant (\$12,000.) for staff learning.
- The KLF will undergo another assessment with the Columbia Basin Trusts' Non-Profit Advisors program. We last did this in Spring 2017 which led to our governance restructuring. This time we are focusing on marketing and advocacy, which are strategic plan priorities. After the assessment, the CBT will subsidize a consultant in creating a marketing plan.
- A lowlight is saying goodbye to a handful of wonderful Executive Committee members. I would like to thank Shawn Whitelegg of Greenwood, Ellen Watters of Kaslo, Mindy Smith of Beaver Valley and Janet Pierce of Salmo.

5. LDAG Chair report, Saara Itkonen (verbal)

- Yesterday's LDAG meeting included a session with Chelsea Laschenko, a registered clinical counsellor and yoga instructor. She led the LDAG through grounding techniques – what they are, the science behind them, and lead us in practice.
- With thanks to a practicum student, the Library Directors have some 12 valuable report templates for the Sikta ILS system used by 18/20 KLF member libraries. A Langara College Library Technician student (and former Invermere Library Director Nicole Pawlak) volunteered to create these for the Library Directors.
- LDAG Chair and Vice Chair elections: Saara Itkonen (Creston) and Jacqueline Wager (Radium) are the new Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Cari Lynn Gawletz (Grand Forks) and Ursula Brigl (Cranbrook) have been thanked for their contributions.

6. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was made by Abby Kokolski and seconded by Jill Seaborn. Carried.

7. Activity: Library & federation trivia game. Thanks to Joanne Beetstra for her contributions in creating the game, and the Library Directors for the member library questions & answers. Prizes will be arriving via mail, ask at your member library after May 11th.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 11:36am Pacific.