

Town of Penhold Library Board  
Meeting  
Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 8:34pm

Prepared by Geralis Enns

Library Chair Signature

Present: Joan Schmelke (Chair), Crystal Schening (Vice Chair), Myra Binnendyk (Manager), Brandi Filipchuk (Treasurer), Gail Maki, Teresa Cunningham, Geralis Enns

1. Additions to the Agenda

**Moved by Teresa Cunningham to approve the agenda. Carried.**

2. Minutes from March 26, 2025

- No changes to the minutes.

**Moved by Geralis Enns to accept the minutes as presented. Carried.**

3. Correspondence:

- Book to be purchased in honour of Lynley Mainprize to be placed in collection
- Received a \$840 grant for screen and projector from the Community Foundation
- Geralis will follow up with MLAs on letter sent in about CESD partnership as we haven't received a response

4. CESD

- Teresa will be bringing this issue to the attention of PRL at next meeting
- Brandi responded to the reporters with further information, CTV is wanting to come for an interview but reporter was sick today.
- Myra is hearing from the public: they are confused about the facts, message that the Library only cares about the money, parents are afraid to speak up because they are worried their kids would be targeted by the school division.
- Next steps:
  - Brandi responding to Kurt Sacher (Superintendent) about misinformation in statements
  - Town of Penhold meets with CESD with May 13
  - PRLS meeting May 15
  - Brandi following up with RDNews Now to ask for correction
  - Develop package for Parent Councils
  - Develop side by side comparison (simple) of the library services now compared to information about what will be offered

## 5. Financials - Brandi Filipchuk

### a. Reconciliation for March 2025

- Statement beginning balance: \$83,853.92
- Cheques and payments cleared: \$18,899.30
- Deposits and credits: \$3260.61
- Statement ending balance: \$68,215.23
- Uncleared transactions as of March 31, 2025: \$672.00
- Registered balance as of March 31, 2025: \$67,543.23
- Cleared transactions after March 31, 2025: \$0
- Uncleared after March 31, 2025 \$8368.11
- Registered balance as of April 9, 2025: \$59,175.12

### b. Reconciliation for April 2025

- Statement beginning balance: \$68,215.23
- Cheques and payments cleared: \$19,866.07
- Deposits and credits: \$89,829.03
- Statement ending balance: \$138,178.19
- Uncleared transactions as of April 30, 2025: \$4551.73
- Registered balance as of April 30, 2025: \$133,626.46
- Cleared transactions after April 30, 2025: \$0
- Uncleared after April 30, 2025 \$4989.65
- Registered balance as of May 7 2025: \$128,636.81

### a. Budget vs. Actual

- Friends of the Library have purchased phonics books from Vox Books which we are excited to have in the collection.
- Canada Summer Grant is enough for 2 positions - \$8,873

### b. GIC Balance: \$53,549.05 as of April 23, 2025. Maturity: Jan 12, 2026

**Moved by Geralis Enns to approve the March & April Financial Report as presented. Carried**

## 6. Manager's Report

- Watercolour night was well attended and received. Student session had good feedback and engagement.
- Jennifer went to a workshop about Indigenous protocols through Parkland. Myra went to one regarding Financial Literacy and Budgeting. Both were very valuable.
- Hired a new janitor. Excited to have her as part of the team.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 18 at 6:30pm

Adjourned 9:36 pm