

FLIN FLON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
September 8, 1993

Present: Chairman: Bunny Burke
Secretary: Bob Frazer
Library Administrator: Gretta Redahl
Members: Murray Smith and Edgar Wright
Guest: Ken Kurliw automation specialist at MLS.

Motion: There was no motion on the minutes.

Ken Kurliw:

Ken addressed the board on our current progress in automation. He reported that:

- The staff are now cataloguing all new books into the INMAGIC library system. They are creating a bar code for each book which is written on a label and attached to the spine.
- Approximately 2000 names of the library membership have been entered into the system.
- There is approximately 2 years' of work remaining to enter the rest of the collection into the system.

He reported that by the end of the year 84% of the books in Manitoba will have been catalogued. He is attempting to create a unified data base system. This means that sometime in the future the Flin Flon library will have to purchase a new system. The current system will not be lost since it is a useful data-base system for many other applications including the Sound-Print Library and those related to the community.

He informed us that the Manitoba Government is currently providing no funding for rural libraries. He advised that we should apply to Community Services for additional funding.

Correspondence:

Letter from CIDC Flin Flon:

The CIDC requested the use of the library Kinsmen Room for ten one-week workshops to be spread out over the months of October to March, inclusive. They asked for our "consideration" with respect to rental costs.

Discussion:

Gretta said that she would like to accommodate them but that they would have to be flexible with their times because she had other commitments for the room. She suggested that we charge them \$1000 for the ten weeks which works out to \$20 per day, one-half the normal rate.

The board agreed that this would be alright but it was also felt that we could not afford to forego revenue in these times of minimum library funding. It was decided that we offer these terms to CIDC and if they accept them we will draw up a brief contract for the rental period.

Motion: Moved by Bob Frazer and seconded by Murray Smith that we write a letter to CIDC offering these terms and draft a contract spelling out the rental rate and including a clause allowing CIDC the use of the television and projector equipment in the room but holding them responsible for any damages to this equipment.

Carried

Letter of Resignation from Ruth McIntosh:

Ruth has a thyroid problem and feels that she cannot carry on working.

Letter from the Sound-Print Library:

This letter advised the board that effective September 1, 1993, the Sound-Print Library will turn over full control of its collection of books, tapes, materials, and the remaining funds in the Sound-Print Library account to the Flin Flon Public Library. These funds amount to \$11,000. \$8,000 of this will be used in new materials just ordered which will be incorporated into the collection.

They also suggested that the remaining funds be used to hire Marg deCock on an as-needed basis to catalogue all incoming books and tapes. They expressed the hope that the Sound-Print materials be advertised on a regular basis in conjunction with new library books.

Discussion:

Gretta suggested that the library hire Marg deCock as suggested at a rate of \$7.00 per hour. She also would like to hire Cleo Keys as a "casual" for one year. Cleo has offered to co-ordinate a "Friends of the Library" group.

Letter from Louise Shaw:

Louise passed on a letter from Jim Blanchard of the Manitoba Library Association which refers to an announcement by Clayton Manness of the expansion of the 7% retail sales tax to include newspapers, magazines and periodical subscriptions. This letter recommends that libraries write the Premier and the Ministers of Finance, Education and Training and Culture, Heritage and Citizenship. His letter gives specific recommendations on what to include in these letters designed to influence the Manitoba Government to exempt libraries from this tax. It was agreed that Bunny will write a petition to the Minister of Culture, Heritage and Citizenship and to The Public Library Advisory Board and that Bob will write a petition to the Premier and the Minister of Finance.

New Business:

Bunny informed the board that there is now a Science Fiction Committee in Flin Flon whose purpose is to promote Flin Flon as a tourist destination. They will concentrate on the theme of Flintabbatey Flonatin and "The Sunless City". Their first project is to commission large murals, based on this theme, to be painted on the rocks in Flin Flon. Bunny suggested that the Library reduce the price of "A Pictorial History of Flin Flon" and move the remaining copies out to help finance the murals project. The board agreed to this proposal with the price reduced to \$12.95, but no motion was made to this effect.

Gretta expressed the desire to hire Cleo Keys as a casual and was hoping to train 6 volunteers so that more Library staff time could be devoted to entering books into the data base. The reaction of the board to this proposal was that it is not a good idea to have a mix of volunteers and paid employees. No decision was reached on this matter.

Gretta brought up the need to have a board member on the Friends of the Library Committee and asked for volunteers. Bob Frazer said that he would be willing to be part of such a committee but he did not want to take the lead on it. Bob will meet with Cleo Keys to discuss this.

Gretta said that she needs more help from the board on Library business and that she needs more commitment from board members. The members agreed to re-evaluate their commitment.

Gretta said that she is still waiting for action from

John Munson for putting a permanent finish on the Library canopy. Bob Frazer agreed to write to John requesting that this work be done.

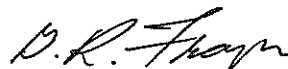
Next meeting:

The date for the next meeting was set for Monday, September 20.

Motion: It was moved by Bunny Burke that we adjourn.



Bunny Burke, Chairman



G. R. Frazer, Secretary