

NLLS – Regular Board Meeting

August 25, 2023 - Elk Point

Chairs Report –

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. The role of library trustee brings along a need for extensive training and knowledge as board members establish confidence in their roles as trustees. We thank you for your willingness to sit on our board and the commitment you dedicate to the Northern Lights Library System Board. We appreciate your willingness to commute and actively participate while bringing the needs of your individual communities to the table while effectively governing our board. Thank you!

Over the summer months the Plan of Service committee spent 2 days at Metis Crossing working on creating the new strategic plan for the 2024-2026 years. Margaret Law facilitated high level goal and objective setting at the beginning of our session and our marketing firm- focus communications will compile the goals and objectives set into a full plan. I am excited to share the plan with the board at our next regular meeting. I would like to thank staff members Terri, Jessie, Tim and James for their work in advance of our sessions. Your contributions are integral to moving forward in the new plan. To Wanda, Maureen, Mary-Jane, Darcy, Vicky, Dwayne and Josh THANK YOU for carving out 2 days to attend and contribute to this process.

The executive board met this month in Tofield. Thank you, Larry, for hosting us in your community and allowing us the opportunity to see the awesome things Tofield library is doing. We had 2 members of our Indigenous Advisory Circle participate which allowed for robust conversations around providing service On Reserve and On Settlement along with service within our community that better include our off reserve indigenous populations. Thank you to Mary- Jane and Katie for making time to participate.

Our largest topic of discussion was the budget. Your executive discussed every line item and is please to present a budget to the board that sets NLLS on a positive path forward while remaining fiscally responsible to our members and seeking to keep increases at a predictable and steady pace.

I appreciate this opportunity to work with the board as your new chair and I encourage any board members to reach out with any questions, concerns or just to have a chat.

Thank you

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