

Northern Lights Library System Board Meeting – Sat, Dec 9, 2017 Elk Point

The day started bright and early with the Board Orientation at 9 am as this was an election year and many there were new to NLLS.

We learned that the purpose of the NLLS Board is for regional collaboration to support and implement library services across Alberta. NLLS is a Corporate entity and independent organization from our municipalities. We also learned that the responsibility of the Board is a culmination of many roles. We are to provide support to local Public Library Boards, to debate and discuss issues, follow and uphold governing documents such as policies and bylaws, discuss and pass yearly budgets, create and implement a plan of service and strategic plan. We are also mandated to report back to our respective Councils and advocate for the needs of NLLS as a whole. When sitting on the NLLS Board we are to wear a different “hat” than at the municipal level. We are there to decide what is best for NLLS and their Mission: “Working together to provide efficient, effective and exceptional library services.” NLLS pays for mileage to attend these meetings while the municipalities pay for the per diem to their representatives.

The fee structure per year for our municipality to participate in NLLS is set up as follows:

Village of Ryley: \$5.07 per capita

McPherson Public Library: \$5.07 per capita

Total: \$10.15 per capita to NLLS

NLLS in turn then pays our library \$2.15 per capita in a book allotment fund.

The Executive Board of NLLS is elected by each zone representative within the catchment area of NLLS. With the recent election, there were three positions on the Executive Board that were vacant and an election took place during the Regular Board meeting. From our Zone 3 representatives I was elected to also sit on the Executive Board for NLLS. What does this mean? This Board meets approximately every two months, more if needed during budget discussions or policy/bylaw reviews. They meet in Elk Point at the NLLS offices. The Executive

carries out what the NLLS Board initiatives are, how to spend the budgeted dollars and works as a liaison between NLLS and the Board. The position on the Executive Board is for a three year period. The cost of mileage and per diem is paid by NLLS for all members to attend Executive Board meetings.

I look forward to representing the Village of Ryley as their voice on the NLLS Board and further to this, on the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted by: Cyndy Heslin, Deputy Mayor, Village of Ryley