

FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY MEETING JULY 9, 2020-07-10

Meeting took place on the grounds of the Net Shed

Present: Chris Richardson, Dinah Shields, Jim Brown, Peter Bantock, Leslie Ransom, Jane Leckenby, Amy Solecki, Lynne Fascinato

Regrets: Elaine Burns, Paul Wehrle

Approval of the minutes for June 12, 2020, Jim Brown and Leslie Ransom

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim Brown

Jim distributed the Position Statement and the Operating Statement.

Jim reviewed the procedure for receiving and counting the cash received at the Net Shed on the weekends.

Intact ???? has sent their invoice for this year. We currently have a liability insurance of \$2 million, if we were to reduce the liability to \$1 million we could save \$300. The current cost of our insurance is \$1,728. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed we would keep the current liability.

Motion was passed first by Jim Brown 2nd by Peter Bantock

REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY – Lynne Fascinato

Lynne said the tagging of the books is going well in preparation for the move. The IRF2 quote for the movers was sent out June 30 for the moving of the books on Sept. 8th.

The soft opening for the library will hopefully be the end of Sept. with the official opening in October during Library Week.

The keys from Van Horne ???? will be handed over the end of July but they will be available through August for the installation of the RFID system and staff training.

The old library building will be used for municipal employees. The furniture will be sold and what is left will be sold on Government Deals and the monies going to the debt.

The staff is working extremely hard packing and organizing for the move. The curb sided pick up is averaging 100 books per day.

New books are being received by the library, the social media events are very popular. No ILLO is taking place within SOLS.

MEMBERSHIP – Jane Leckenby

We have 20 paid up memberships for this year, 5 of which are Associate Members.

PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY and the CONCERT SERIES

No report

NET SHED – Dinah Shields

The new system is working well.

Dinah praised the volunteers for working in the extreme heat. The midweek volunteers donated 22 hours sorting and shelving the books from the weekend. Dinah and Chris will notify the volunteers on the weekend shifts if the Net Shed is to be closed due to the weather.

FUNDRAISING – Jane Leckenby and Amy Solicki

The letters for donors have gone to the printer for mail out the end of July.

Boxes will be stuffed by volunteers at their homes.

There have been no meetings of the Fundraising Committee stated by the Committee of Council.

The donor wall has been left to the discretion of the library staff. The IRFQ is out for tenders.

Concert Report – Paul Wehrle

All concerts have been cancelled for the summer given that most of our audiences and many of our performers are basically in a high risk category..

The performers agree whole heartedly. All expressed eagerness to pick up again next year. I'm hopeful. Chris Cierri and I have agreed to sit down later in the fall

and plot out next summer providing the prognosis is good for a safe environment,

Thanks everyone for your support over the years. I am having withdrawals ... I miss my music. I shall return ... with beautiful noises.

Congratulations to Gilles Haché on his selection as Rotary Citizen of the Year.

NEW BUSINESS.

Peter Bantock will step down as President of FOML and stay on as an At Large volunteer. Leslie Ransom will take over as President of FOML.

Next Meeting – Thursday August 13, 2020

