

FRIENDS OF THE MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

September 16, 2021 4:30 p.m.

Meaford Library

Present: Leslie Ransom (Pres), Francis Richardson (V-P), Susanne Wussow (Sect), Jim Brown (Tres), Jane Leckenby, Chris Richardson, Robert Richardson, Mary Louise Craven, Fred Kennedy

Regrets: Paul Wehrle

Guests: Lynne Fascinato, Alexander Taylor, Robyn Hunter, Laura Simmons

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	4:30 p.m.		
1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions		Approved	
2. Minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting	Alexander Taylor was introduced, replacing Amy during her maternity leave. Leslie gave a summary of the August meeting discussion points, as there wasn't quorum. Motion to approve the July 8 meeting minutes as circulated. 1. Jim 2. Robert	Carried	
3. Treasurer's Report	\$1,042 was received from an anonymous donor for the Junior Library, in escrow until determined how to be allocated. \$13,388 liability to be moved to Library when the Building Committee is wrapped up. Lynne to confirm by email that the Building Committee is final. Jim will write a cheque to the Library. 1. Jim 2. Susanne	Carried	Lynne will confirm by email when the Building Committee is wrapped up.
4. Report from the Library	Alex reported that October is Dyslexia Awareness Month. A grant has been received for education and events. The Grand Opening of the new Library will be on Oct. 16. It will be a smaller event than planned due to Covid, however the main invitees have confirmed their		

	<p>attendance.</p> <p>There will be an auction on September 29, as a final fundraiser for the Library.</p> <p>Sydenham Auctions suggested a consignment auction, as fees to them would only be 10%, not their regular 25% fee. The Margaret Atwood <i>Testaments</i> book includes a sealed envelope, signed with documentation, and will be offered at a starting value of \$1,400. There will be ads starting on Sunday, Sept. 19.</p> <p>Items donated for the auction include a quilt, a watch, paintings, etc. There are usually several thousand bidders per auction.</p> <p>Brad Wilcox, who was to appear for a reading, has had medical issues and has cancelled.</p> <p>Ron Martin, who was to be the magician at Harry Potter Day, has been postponed until 2022, since Harry Potter Day is cancelled this year.</p> <p>Lynne will invite the FOML Executive to the Grand Opening on Oct. 16.</p> <p>Georgian Bay Reads is still on, moderated by Leslie.</p>		<p>Lynne will invite the FOML Executive to the Grand Opening.</p>
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Membership	<p>Jane reported there are 45 members, with 13 associate members included in that number.</p>		
5.2 Promotion & Publicity	<p>No report.</p>		
5.3 Concerts	<p>No report.</p>		
5.4 Net Shed	<p>Chris reported that this summer the Net Shed has made \$4,000 in the month of August. The amount will be posted in the Volunteer Book so that volunteers can be kept up to date with how their efforts are helping.</p> <p>Chris clarified that if money is</p>		

	<p>donated and no books are taken, visitors may receive a tax receipt. There are forms in the Net Shed to be filled out for the tax receipt. Susanne asked about 'bubbles', if more than four were allowed in the Net Shed if they were a family. It was determined that four is the maximum for this year, regardless of 'bubbles'.</p>		
<p>6. Business arising Library Board Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Leslie reported that the old Library heritage building is not being sold. Some renovations are taking place, and it will be used as office space for the municipality. ii) The Fundraising Committee is finished. iii) Re: the Strategic Plan for 2022-25, Leslie said that FOML would like to partner with the Board on long-range planning. 		
<p>7. New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Sharing of information regarding the Net Shed with volunteers and the public – see Net Shed report above. ii) Railing on the Net Shed: Francis raised a concern regarding the wobbly rail on the east door and suggested that there should be a railing on either side and should meet code. Francis will talk to Tony Bell re: making railings. Leslie and Chris will talk to Norm Mckay re: adjustments to the building. iii) Mary Louise asked for additional content for the newsletter, and how to increase the number of subscribers. It was 		<p>Francis will talk to Tony Bell.</p> <p>Leslie and Chris to ask Norm McKay about the railing.</p>

	<p>suggested that perhaps an article could be done about the McKay family and the building. Alex will partner with Mary Louise, as the Library can send an e-blast to over 2,000 patrons.</p> <p>iv) Jane asked if she should continue to send thank you letters to donors, and it was decided that she should. A question was raised as to how that might work with Canada Helps, as those funds are anonymous.</p> <p>v) Robert will begin posting the agendas and minutes on the website, beginning with the July minutes and going forward. He will also post on Dropbox.com. Jim will do PDFs of his Excel spreadsheets and send to Robert to post online.</p> <p>vi) Pinpad – the phone used is old and out of date. Robert will donate a used phone. He suggested a timer re: the batteries.</p>		
Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:48 p.m.		
Next Meeting	Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021 at 4 p.m. in the Friends Room at MPL.		

Secretary: _____ President: _____