

FRIENDS OF THE MEAFORD LIBRARY EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2021 5 p.m.

Meaford Public Library Multi-Purpose Room

Present: Leslie Ransom (Pres), Jane Leckenby, Francis Richardson (VP), Chris Richardson, Susanne Wussow (Sect).

Regrets: Jim Brown (Tres), Mary Louise Craven, Paul Wehrle

Guests: Amy Solecki, Robert Richardson

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	5:02 p.m. Leslie welcomed members back.		
1. Adoption of agenda and additions	Additons: 7.6 Fundraising Committee report 7.7 Georgian Bay Reads 7.8 Robert Richardson to become 'Member at Large'	Approved	
2. Minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting	Motion to approve the minutes as circulated. 1. Jane 2. Susanne	Carried	
3. Treasurer's Report	In Jim's absence, the Position Statement of May 31, 2021 was accepted. Motion to accept: 1. Leslie 2. Chris		
4. Report from the Library	Amy reported that the Library has been open for one week. Some parkette events will be planned, and the book clubs will be brought back. The routers have been very popular due to so many people working from home. The Community Walking Challenge this year is Walking the Pacific Crest Trail, 4,270 km., which runs until Aug. 31. The Library will again be at The Meaford Farmers' Market for the 4 markets they are holding at the Rotary Pavilion this year. Jane suggested that the Library have a sign facing east, so that		

	<p>people coming west along Trowbridge can see the sign.</p> <p>Re: the Strategic Plan – FOML would like to have input with the Library Board regarding the Strategic Plan being developed.</p>		
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Membership	Jane reported there are 32 members, with 3 associate members and 3 new. Robert will put the membership form online.		
5.2 Promotion & Publicity	Neither Paul nor Mary Louise was present. The newsletter looks great.		
5.3 Concerts	Paul passed on that they are prepared to have musicians for an August show, when Covid allows.		
5.4 Net Shed	Chris reported that lots of books were dropped off during the first week. During the first three weeks open, \$1,100, \$800, and \$700 was brought in, for a total of \$2,600. There have been lineups to enter, and Chris asked various people in line if there should be a time limit on people in the Net Shed, however all said that there shouldn't be a time limit, as they did not want to be rushed.		
6. Business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Executive List: The Executive List is very out of date. It was passed around and updated by those in attendance. ii) Conflict of Interest for the Executive: After some discussion, it was agreed that the membership form outlines the rules, thereby signing the membership form the rules are agreed to, with implicit consent. It was agreed that it was not necessary to sign another 	The Executive List will be updated, for internal use only.	Executive List will be updated, for internal use only.

	Conflict of Interest form.		
7. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Special Merit Award from the Chamber of Commerce: The Special Merit Award was awarded to FOML by the Chamber of Commerce. The Library and Amy celebrated receipt of the award with cupcakes and lemonade for FOML. ii) Paypal Giving Fund: After some research and discussion, it was decided that it was not advantageous to pursue opening an account with Paypal. iii) Canada Helps donation: An anonymous donor donated \$4,000 to FOML. Since there are two streams (Friends or Capital campaign) it was determined that Amy will attempt to determine the exact amount with Jim, and will attempt to contact 'Anonymous' to ask to which stream they would like the funds allocated. iv) Concerts: no information v) AGM update: The AGM will be held in September, date to be determined. vi) Fundraising Committee: Amy reported that the Committee is technically still together until Dec. 31, 2021. The Committee is still accepting donations, which are currently at over \$893,000. Jane is still sending out Thank You notes for donations. 		<p>Amy will connect with Jim to determine the exact amount, and attempt to contact the donor to determine to which stream the funds should be allocated.</p>

	<p>There will be a Silent Auction from Oct. 1-16. Harry Potter Day has received \$2,000 from the BIA for a magician, which will go towards Capital. The Fundraising thermometer will be moved to the new Library, location to be determined, possibly in the parkette. Jane suggested that the final fundraising total achieved be put on the top of the thermometer.</p> <p>vii) Georgian Bay Reads: Leslie will be the moderator at the virtual event on Saturday, October 23. Usually the previous winner is the moderator, but the previous winner has passed away, so the prior winner is the moderator, Leslie.</p> <p>viii) Robert to become a Member At Large: 1. Jane 2. Susanne. The vote was unanimous, with 2 members abstaining due to conflict of interest (family).</p>		
Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:50 p.m.		
Next Meeting	Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 4 p.m. in the Friends Room at MPL.		

Secretary: _____ President: _____