

**FRIENDS OF THE MEAFORD LIBRARY**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**March 10, 2022 4:00 p.m.**

**Meaford Library**

Present: Leslie Ransom (Pres), Francis Richardson (V-P), Susanne Wussow (Sect), Jim Brown (Tres), Jane Leckenby, Chris Richardson, Robert Richardson, Paul Wehrle

Regrets: Mary Louise Craven, Rosemary Palmer

Guests: Lynne Fascinato, Rob Armstrong

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	4:00 p.m.		
1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions		Approved	
2. Minutes of the Nov. 10, 2021 meeting	Approved	Carried	
3. Treasurer's Report	<p>The Library Equipment amount of \$22,405.53 has been spent on data charges, routers, books for the book club.</p> <p>FOML currently has net assets of \$34,336.76, and should find more disbursements as a non-profit entity.</p> <p>\$2,000 was received from the BIA for Harry Potter Day. As the event was not held in 2021, the BIA has requested the funds back, and has received them from the Library Fundraising account.</p> <p>Hotspots, routers: FOML has purchased 5, and the Rotary 7. FOML will pay the data charges for each of their 5, to a maximum of \$50 per.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1. Paul 2. Susanne</p> <p>Re: the Formal Operating Agreement – was never signed by the Library Board or FOML,</p>	Carried	

	<p>therefore is not valid.  Rob Armstrong said that the Library Board is separate from the FOML, and should have an agreement that funds given to the Library are used for the purpose that FOML specifies. He will check the 2008 policy and will update it for 2022.</p> <p>There is no exchange of funds between the Library and FOML – the Library tells the FOML board what they need, FOML then makes and pays for the purchase. FOML will bring the policy to the Library Board and request that it be amended to remove that part of the agreement, so that the Library makes a specific request of the FOML board, and FOML will pay for it, “within our jurisdiction.”</p> <p>1. Robert 2. Paul</p>	<p>Carried</p>	<p>Rob Armstrong will check the 2008 policy and update it to 2022.</p> <p>Leslie will send a letter to the Library Board, requesting that Policy Item #34 of the Operating Agreement be removed.</p>
<p>4. Report from the Library</p>	<p>Lynne requested additional membership cards. The Library has handed out over 1,000 cards since Oct. 2020</p> <p>Accepted and moved:</p> <p>1. Susanne 2. Jane</p> <p>The Library wants to support Ukraine, and are considering having a book sale from the Net Shed to raise funds.</p> <p>FOML was mentioned on the Rotary Facebook page.</p> <p>Alex Taylor has left, and Ashley Trusler will replace him until Amy returns from maternity leave. Rosemary Palmer will fill in for Ashley until Amy's return in September.</p> <p>There are FOML membership forms at the photocopier, and</p>		

	Library staff will accept the forms and membership dues and put them in the FOML box.		
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Membership	Jane reported there are 9 members to date.		
5.2 Promotion & Publicity	No report.		
5.3 Concerts	Paul reported he will be able to put a series together for this year. He is working with Chris Scerri, and there should be lots of music and dancing, etc., around town this summer. He has 8 or 9 different acts interested.		
5.4 Net Shed	Chris reported that sign-up day for volunteers at the Net Shed will be the first weekend in May.		
5.5 Website	Robert reported that the website is up and running. When we have further concert information, he will post it.		
6. Business Arising			
6.1 Railing on stairs of the Net Shed	Leslie and Francis will meet with a contractor, informally, to review.		Leslie and Francis to meet informally with a contractor.
6.2 Strategic Plan of Library	The surveys are coming in, will be collated, with a new plan hopefully in place by June.		
6.3 Display Case	Leslie reported that it has one coat of paint, and needs one more.		The display case needs one more coat of paint.
7. New Business			
7.1 School Library	Chris reported that she received an email from a teacher at the new school, offering to donate 10 bags of books (Jr Fiction), and is now helping to sort through the non-fiction.		
7.2 Policy #34 – Library and FOML Memorandum of	Details under the Treasurer's Report above.		

Understanding Status and Discussion			
7.3 COVID 19 and Net Shed /Concerts	At the moment, no restrictions are required. Once the Net Shed opens and concerts resume, Ministry of Health guidelines will be followed.		
7.4 Other	Susanne asked if the two subscriptions to The Meaford Independent should be renewed. It was agreed they would.		
Adjournment	Adjourned at 5 p.m.		

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 4 p.m. in the Friends Room at MPL.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ President: \_\_\_\_\_