

FRIENDS OF THE MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2022 4 p.m.

FOML Meeting Room, Meaford Library

Present: Leslie Ransom (Pres), Susanne Wussow (Sect), Jim Brown (Treas), Chris Richardson, Robert Richardson, Karen Trusler, Mary Louise Craven

Regrets: Rosemary Palmer, Paul Wehrle, Francis Richardson

Guests: Amy Solecki

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	4 p.m.		
1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions	No additions		
2. Minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting	1. Robert 2. Jim	Approved, with corrections	
3. Treasurer's Report	<p>Jim reported assets of \$53,114.90, liabilities of \$303.49, with net assets of \$52,811.41.</p> <p>The amount not used to reimburse the musicians their honorarium will be returned to the Meaford Culture Foundation. A cheque for \$250 has been written but not yet cashed by MCF.</p> <p>The Net Shed has brought in \$15,690.78 YTD; the previous YTD for the same period was \$14,412.67. This is \$1,278.11 more in 2022. Including the last weekends the Shed was open, the YTD total is approx. \$17,949. The last two weekends brought in \$2,258, with a one-day record amount of \$714.</p> <p>Newspaper costs were doubled this month to \$945, as two months were added together.</p> <p>Jim will check on the PinPad</p>		

	<p>costs, to see if any savings can be realized by pausing the service over the winter.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1. Jim 2. Susanne</p>	<p>Approved</p>	<p>Jim will check to see if the PinPad service can be paused during the winter.</p>
<p>4. Report from the Library</p>	<p>Amy reported that the Library is gearing up for Ontario Public Library Week, Oct. 16-22, and the thank you party for FOML is Oct. 20. The public will be invited so that more people can learn about FOML.</p> <p>Robert Burcher will present his book on Tuesday, Oct. 18.</p> <p>Ted Barris will appear at Meaford Hall in the Galleries on November 19, and will receive an honorarium of \$250-\$300, paid by FOML. He was very popular the last time he came. Tickets will be \$5, and there will be a possible total cost of \$600, for his lunch, coffee, tea, and the honorarium. Meaford Hall is not charging for use of the space. FOML will cover the expenses, and Amy will provide receipts for FOML to reimburse her.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rob 2. Jim <p>During Library Week, there will be gifts for a "Show us your Library card" promotion, or for taking out a new card. Chris and Mary Louise gathered the gifts by approaching local businesses. Mary Louise reported that there was great feedback from the business owners who were very appreciative that, rather than being approached for a donation, the Friends were purchasing gift cards from 9 or 10 local businesses. Mary Louise also wanted to thank Amy and</p>	<p>Approved</p>	

	<p>Chantelle for their help. Amy will also go to Mastermind Toys for a \$40 toy for infants, so that there is a broad range of gifts for all ages. The Library will have crafts throughout Library week.</p> <p>The Library will participate in the Christmas On The Bay Market on Dec. 1,2,3,4 with a craft every day, and showing a Christmas movie at the Library. FOML will have a book sale at the Library (similar to the book sale for Ukraine) during the Christmas market and the funds raised will go to a charity or the food bank, charity to be decided at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Library will hand out treats on October 31.</p> <p>Meaford's champion for Georgian Bay Reads is Leslie, "Who Killed Tom Thompson", on Oct. 22.</p> <p>Amy reported that there are several authors coming in the near future, some of whom may be bigger names, currently in negotiations.</p> <p>Amy also reported that FOML is a wonderful supporter, and that many other libraries are jealous of the support that Meaford's library gets from FOML.</p>		
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Membership	Karen reported the numbers are the same, 55 in total, with 18 associate members included.		
5.2 Promotion & Publicity	Mary-Louise is working on the fall newsletter. It will go out when		

	Robert has supplied her with the email mailing list.		
5.3 Concert Series	<p>Paul has sent a Concert Series report (see attached). The concert series was a fair success, despite having two rainouts and a cancellation due to lighting issues. FOML will need a full report including the grant disbursements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rob 2. Karen 	Approved	
5.4 Net Shed	<p>Chris reported that one day brought in \$714, a new one-day record, and the year in all was a fantastic success. The Net Shed is closed up for the winter. Ten to twelve boxes are packed up to bring to the Library for the December book sale. Sales will be by donation, for 10-14 days, and donations will be given to a local charity or the food bank. It will be located at the south entrance, as previously done. The Library will make the sign. Leslie will see about a gift for Mr. McKay.</p>		<p>Amy to arrange to have the sign made for the book sale.</p> <p>Leslie will arrange a gift for Mr. McKay.</p>
5.5 Website	Robert reported there's nothing new to report.		
6. Business Arising			
6.1	<p>Susanne reported that the Little Library at Memorial Park had been cleaned out, presumably by a camper at the park. Jim will remove it for winter storage.</p>		Jim will remove the Little Library box for winter storage.
7. New Business			
7.1 Winter Meetings	There will be a November meeting, with a hiatus over the winter, with the next meeting in March. Jim will continue to		

	produce a monthly Treasurer's Report.		
7.2 New Logo	Mary Louise brought forward that it might be time for a new logo, rather than the angel. She suggested that we consider using the Net Shed doors, as they are quite iconic. Leslie will ask Brian Fray re: a possible design at the end of October.		Leslie will ask Brian Fray for a possible design at the end of October.
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn: Robert Adjourned at 4:56 p.m.		

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 4 p.m.

Secretary: _____ President: _____