

FRIENDS OF THE MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, September 8, 2022 4 p.m.

FOML Meeting Room, Meaford Library

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

Regrets: Rosemary Palmer, Paul Wehrle

Guests: Amy Solecki, Ashley Trusler

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 August 11, 2022 meeting	1. Robert 2. Chris	Approved	
3. Treasurer's Report	Jim reported assets of \$52,369.63, liabilities of \$503.49, with net assets of \$51,866.14. The amount not used to reimburse the musicians their expenses will be returned to the Meaford Culture Foundation. The Net Shed has brought in \$12,330.83 YTD; the previous YTD for the same period was \$10,972.62. This is \$1,358.21 more in 2022. As well, concerts have brought in \$2,642.51 YTD. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1. Jim 2. Karen	Approved	
4. Report from the Library	Ashley reported that Harry Potter Day on August 27 was not quite as popular as the previous one. The magician sponsored by FOML was great. Amy returned from maternity leave on Sept. 7.		

	<p>The TD Summer Reading Club had games, coffee and dessert with the author, Mystery Book Bags.</p> <p>The Jubilee Tea with the Municipality was a lovely afternoon. Leslie brought tea cups from the Woodford Community Centre.</p> <p>Amy reported that the next author in the Library will be Sept. 18, on How to Publish a Book.</p> <p>Ontario Public Library Week is 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. During Library Week, there might be gifts for a “Show us your Library card” promotion, or for taking out a new card – tbd. Possibly a draw might be held for little items, and one big draw for possible gift certificate to a restaurant or to support a downtown business. Jim gave the OK for a total of \$1,500.</p> <p>Approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mary-Louise 2. Jim <p>The Library will participate in the Christmas market on Dec. 1,2,3,4 with a craft every day, and showing a Christmas movie at the Library. FOML could have a book sale at the Library (similar to the book sale for Ukraine) during the Christmas market and the funds raised could go to a charity or the food bank.</p> <p>FOML could buy craft materials, supply hot drinks – Amy will draft a budget.</p>		<p>Amy to draft a budget for Christmas market supplies.</p>
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	<p>Ashley reported that there is no champion for Meaford's book in Georgian Bay Reads, "Who Killed Tom Thompson", on Oct. 22, as the named defender dropped out last week. Leslie will consider being the champion, as she has had previous experience.</p> <p>Amy reported that there are several authors coming in the near future, some of whom may be bigger names. One possibility is Ted Barris, who has a new book coming out.</p>		
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Membership	Membership: there are 3 new members, 55 in total, with 18 associate members included.		
5.2 Promotion & Publicity	Mary-Louise would like to interview some volunteers for the next newsletter, and use some pictures from the Volunteer luncheon held at Francis's cottage.		
5.3 Concert Series	No report.		
5.4 Net Shed	<p>Chris reported that one Sunday brought in \$656, with a total of \$1,700 for the weekend. 300 DVDs, 3 boxes of books, etc. contributed to the successful weekend.</p> <p>A volunteer had her backpack stolen, with her wallet and phone. Chris will touch base with her to see if FOML can assist, possibly buy a new backpack.</p>		Chris to contact the volunteer to see if FOML can help her recoup some of the items lost.
5.5 Website	Robert reported there's nothing new to report.		
6. Business Arising			
6.1 Fall Fair	Chris hosted the FOML table at		

	the Fall Fair. Everything went fine, and we are invited back next year.		
6.2 Volunteer Lunch Thursday, Sept. 15	15 people have RSVPed. We will supply burgers, hot dogs, a veggie tray, potato salad. Chris and Leslie will organize the food, with some vegan options. Drinks will be coffee, lemonade, cranberry juice.		Chris and Leslie will organize the food and drinks for the Volunteer Thank You Lunch.
6.3 Lights at the Pavilion	<p>Paul reported that there was an issue with the lighting at the Rotary Harbour Pavilion, and that the concert had to be cut short as it was too dark. Several attendees turned their cars around and turned on their headlights so that people could leave safely.</p> <p>Leslie talked to Rod Willis, and apparently there was a 'glitch': they should have been working. Paul has been able to do this for previous years, but not this year. There was some speculation re: union/management issues as to why Paul is not allowed to this year.</p>		
7. New Business			
7.1 Instagram Account	<p>Susanne suggested that FOML establish an Instagram account, to be created by Sydney Helland (Susanne's daughter) and administered by Susanne and Sydney. This may increase awareness of FOML and lead to more members.</p> <p>Approved: 1. Chris 2. Robert</p>		
7.2 The Little Library	Susanne Reported that the little library at Memorial Park has been well used.		

7.3 Mentioned in the Toronto Sun	The Net Shed was mentioned in a Letter to the Editor in the Toronto Sun, August 20 or 27. Susanne will follow up to see if we can get a copy.		Susanne to follow up with the Toronto Sun.
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn: Robert Adjourned at 4:51 p.m.		

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 4 p.m.

Secretary: _____ President: _____