

FRIENDS OF THE MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, November 17, 2022 4 p.m.

FOML Meeting Room, Meaford Library

Present: Leslie Ransom (Pres), Susanne Wussow (Sect), Jim Brown (Treas), Chris Richardson, Robert Richardson, Francis Richardson, Paul Wehrle, Karen Trusler

Regrets: Rosemary Palmer, Mary Louise Craven

Guest: 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 October 13, 2022 meeting	1. Robert 2. Jim	Approved, with corrections	
3. Treasurer's Report	Jim reported assets of \$53,070.90, liabilities of \$253.49, with net assets of \$52,817.41. The Net Shed has brought in \$18,080.21 YTD; the previous YTD for the same period was \$15,994.15. This is \$2,086.06 more in 2022. Expenses of \$1,586.30 were incurred for Library Week. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1. Jim 2. Paul	Approved	
4. Report from the Library	Amy reported that Ontario Public Library Week was a great success. The Library received many compliments from the downtown businesses. There were gifts for the "Show us your Library card" promotion, or for taking out a new card. There were 337 ballots for new/renewed library cards. Ted Barris will appear at Meaford Hall in the Galleries on November 19, and will receive an		

	<p>honorarium of \$339, paid by FOML. Meaford Hall is not charging for use of the space. FOML will cover the expenses (lunch, tea, coffee), and Amy will provide receipts for FOML to reimburse her. Up to 40 have pre-registered.</p> <p>The Library will participate in the Christmas On The Bay Market on Dec. 1-4 with crafts and hot beverages every day, and will show a Christmas movie at the Library. The fire pit is working, so outdoor activities are possible.</p> <p>Santa will be at the Library on Dec. 4, and the Library will have a float for the Christmas parade.</p>		
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Membership	No change, with 55 members.		
5.2 Promotion & Publicity	No report.		
5.3 Concert Series	<p>Paul reported that word of mouth is most effective, and also asked if we should advertise on the radio. Mary-Louise should be contacted re: promotion and advertising over the winter.</p> <p>Leslie offered to do posters.</p> <p>Paul requested a working committee to help with the concert events. Chris will send a note to the volunteers for help.</p> <p>Robert will add information on the website to contact Paul if people would like to help.</p> <p>Motion to accept Paul's report: 1. Chris 2. Susanne</p>	Approved	<p>Leslie may do posters to promote the concerts.</p> <p>Chris will send a note to the volunteers asking for assistance for Paul.</p> <p>Robert will post it on the website.</p>

<p>5.4 Net Shed</p>	<p>Chris reported that Lora Bay donated many books – 500-600, half are paperback, half hardcover. Last week 8 bins and 3 extra boxes were also donated. Duplicates were given to the hospital. Paul suggested that books could also be donated to Long Term Care and the Base. Leslie will help with the book sale books. The book sale has begun, and will be refreshed for Dec. 1. The Food Bank is thrilled that the proceeds will be donated to them. The Net Shed is jammed, and the empty shelves will be filled.</p>		
<p>5.5 Website</p>	<p>Robert will add Paul's request for volunteers and the book sale to the website.</p>		
<p>6. Business Arising</p>			
<p>6.1 New Logo</p>	<p>Leslie has some rough drafts and will pass them along when more are available.</p>		
<p>6.2 Strategic Plan of Library</p>	<p>Leslie reported that the Strategic Plan has not been approved yet. The Plan will be fluid to be adaptive to the needs of the Library and the community. It will be a hard copy booklet and accessible, small accordian style, with talking points. Leslie made sure that FOML was acknowledged. The Library staff and the Board will produce action plans, then FOML can provide help with some of those plans. FOML is the periphery, but is acknowledged to help.</p>		

6.3 Norm McKay gift	Leslie will buy a \$100 gift certificate to the Beer Store.		Leslie to buy a gift certificate for Mr. McKay.
7. New Business			
7.1 Proposal: Bird Watching Kits	A proposal was received from Lynne Fascinato requesting approximately \$700 for bird watching kits including binoculars, books, and backpacks, as it is becoming such a popular sport, both for individuals and families. Motion to accept: 1. Robert 2. Susanne	Approved	
7.2 Christmas on the Bay	Amy requested funds for doodle sheets, to be used during the event, 4 @ \$26 each.		
7.3 Lora Bay Books	Chris reported – see 5.4 Net Shed.		
7.4 Winter Meetings	Help was requested for Chris and books, Paul and the concert series, the author events. The next meeting will be in March. Leslie will announce the date.		
7.5 Toddler Stools for Washrooms	Amy will check with day cares, junior kindergarten teachers, for recommendations on the proper and safe stools. Five are needed.		Amy to check on the proper stools for toddlers.
7.6 PinPad Replacement	TBD		
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn: Robert Adjourned at 4:59 p.m.		

Next Meeting: March TBD, 2023 at 4 p.m.

Secretary: _____ President: _____