

**FRIENDS OF THE MEAFORD LIBRARY**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Thursday, July 13, 2023 4 p.m.**

**FOML Meeting Room, Meaford Library**

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

Regrets: Rosemary Palmer, Mary-Louise Craven, Leslie Ransom

Guest: Amy Solecki

| Agenda Item                            | Discussion  | Resolution              | Action to be completed |
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| Call to order                          | 4 p.m.  |                         |                        |
| 1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions    | No additions  | Approved                |                        |
| 2. Minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting | 1. Robert<br>2. Jim   | Approved<br>w/amendment |                        |
| 3. Treasurer's Report                  | <p>Jim reported assets of \$51,597.20, with \$210 receivables, total Assets of \$52,118.19. Payables were \$361.17, with net assets of \$51,757.02.</p> <p>The Hospital event added \$105.00 for use of the Square, however there will be an expense of \$103.90 in the next report. Total revenues were \$4,186.02, primarily from book sales at the Net Shed and concert donations. Expenses were \$223.31, for a net profit of \$3,962.71.</p> <p>The Broker Link invoice for Directors' insurance will come due for \$1,650 plus HST. Any outstanding cheques not cashed by musicians that are now stale-dated (older than six months) will be voided.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1. Jim 2. Robert</p> | Approved                |                        |

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| <p>4. Report from the Library</p> | <p>Amy reported that, thanks to FOML, two author talks have been booked. Terry Fallis will be coming to Meaford in September to promote his new book <i>New Season</i>, and on September 23 is Jennifer Robson, with her new book <i>Coronation Year</i>. The honoraria are \$710 and \$810, with a maximum of \$1,000 including all expenses.</p> <p>Approved 1. Paul 2. Chris</p> <p>Bells on Bikes returned for a second year on Sunday, June 25, with approximately 60 participants, not quite as many as last year. The OPP were there doing safety checks on bikes and helmets.</p> <p>The Library Board is on vacation. Volunteers are helping with garden maintenance.</p> <p>Aiden the intern is now away, and a student named Lauren is now learning and helping.</p> <p>Amazing Reads will go on throughout the summer.</p> <p>The Walk to Mordor is being well received.</p> <p>Amy will be at the Farmers' Market on Friday afternoons with the Pop-Up Library.</p> <p>Author A.D. Vancise will be giving a talk on July 20, and Brenda Murphy will speak on 'Interior Consciousness' on August 17.</p> <p>Lynne will contact us in the fall for more library cards.</p> <p>Amy is following up on sponsoring with other businesses.</p> <p>Amy submitted a number of requests for funds.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. \$2,825 for a Drag Story Time and Musical Bingo on Sunday, October 15. After some discussion as to whether this is something the FOML</li> </ol> |  |  |
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|                           | <p>should support, the motion was carried.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jim 2. Susanne</li> <li>2. \$1,500 was requested for prizes for the Win With Your Library Card event during Ontario Public Library week. The prizes will be similar to last year, with the large prize being a Nintendo Switch, and \$50 gift cards from local businesses. Motion carried 1. Robert 2. Jim</li> <li>3. \$1,585 was requested for programs during Christmas on the Bay. Programs would include DIY Wreath Decorating, Gnome Christmas Tree Lanterns, and hosting children's author Werner Zimmerman.</li> </ol> <p>The Book Flood was suggested and approved again for the Christmas season.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Karen 2. Chris</li> </ol> <p>Motion to accept the Library's report: 1. Jim 2. Robert</p> |  |  |
| 5. Standing Items         |   |  |  |
| 5.1 Membership            | Karen reported that there are a total of 40 members.  |  |  |
| 5.2 Promotion & Publicity | No report.  |  |  |
| 5.3 Concert Series        | <p>Paul reported that his radio segment on each of the musicians goes out twice a week.</p> <p>He reported that the Scarecrows have agreed that FOML may use their sound system for the weekly concerts.</p> <p>Will and Linda will be playing Celtic music this Sunday.</p>  |  |  |

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| 5.4 Net Shed                         | Chris reported that the Net Shed has been very busy, with empty spaces on the shelves.   |  |  |
| 5.5 Website                          | Robert reported that he will follow up on the website hosting with Jim.<br>Square is changing its fees on debits. The fee, which is currently 10¢ per debit transaction, will now be 0.75% of the transaction plus 7¢. |  |  |
| 6. Business Arising                  |  |  |  |
| 6.1 New Logo                         | Deferred to the August meeting.  |  |  |
| 6.2 Square Loan                      | A motion is required to approve the loan of the Square for the Hospital plant sale. Retroactively approved. 1. Robert 2. Jim   |  |  |
| 6.3 Facebook Page                    | Chris reported that the problem has been solved.   |  |  |
| 6.4 Lights and timer at the Pavilion | Paul reported that it is working OK.   |  |  |
| 7. New Business                      | Amy will be on maternity leave at the end of October.  |  |  |
|                                      | Susanne asked if notices for the AGM should be inserted in the newspaper, and it was confirmed.  |  |  |
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| Adjournment                          | Francis declared the meeting adjourned.<br>Adjourned at 5 p.m.   |  |  |

Next Meeting: August 10, 2023, AGM at 4 p.m. with Executive Meeting to follow.

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