

FRIENDS OF THE MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 2023 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, Mary-Louise Craven

Regrets: Rosemary Palmer

Guest:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	4 p.m.		
1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions	No additions 1. Jim 2. Karen	Approved	
2. Minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting	1. Robert 2. Jim	Approved w/amendment	
3. Treasurer's Report	Jim reported assets of \$46,937.71, with \$100 receivables, total Assets of \$47,037. Liabilities were \$253.49, with net assets of \$46,784.22. The total revenue for April was \$155.60, from book sales at the thrift shop and donations, and expenses were \$1,305.11. The month of April saw a loss of \$1,149.51. Payments to the Library this fiscal year YTD are approximately \$11,700 (newspapers \$5,039.20, Library equipment \$4,298.07, Misc. \$1,631.03, etc.) Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1. Jim 2. Paul	Approved	
4. Report from the Library	Amy reported that almost 200 people came for help with filing their taxes. The Meaford Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Library on Mondays through the		

	<p>month of June to present videos and LinkedIn Learning, to help business partnerships.</p> <p>A Meaford student is submitting a film to the Georgian Bay Film Festival – we wish them luck. This is a library-led event through the Owen Sound library.</p> <p>The Library has a co-op student interested in plants, and they are organizing the seed library.</p> <p>There is a Staff Picks page available on the Library website.</p> <p>Pride buttons are available for those interested in that genre.</p> <p>Rob Ritchie will give an author talk on May 18.</p> <p>June 17 the Jr. Library will host Harriet Alida Lye, the author of <i>Serge the Snail without a Shell</i>, at 10:30 a.m., and an author talk in the afternoon on her adult book, <i>Let It Destroy You</i>. Both books will be available for purchase courtesy of Jessica's Book Nook.</p> <p>National AccessAbility Week the Library will host a documentary <i>View of a Journey</i>, in French with English subtitles. The producer, Ann-Marie Rochet, will attend.</p> <p>Amy is still trying to connect with Ted Barris regarding a June appearance.</p> <p>Bells on Bikes returns for a second year on Sunday, June 25, from 12 – 2 p.m. Amy requested approximately \$500 for various items to engage participants.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Library's report, including acceptance of the request for \$500 for Bells on Bikes: 1. Robert 2. Jim</p>		
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Membership	<p>Chris reported that the volunteer sign-up went well.</p> <p>Karen reported that there are 24 regular members, 7 associate,</p>		

	and 6 new, for a total of 37.		
5.2 Promotion & Publicity	Mary-Louise reported that the newsletter is coming.		
5.3 Concert Series	<p>Paul reported that JD Moffat is confirmed to open the first concert.</p> <p>The Meaford Culture Foundation has approached FOML and offered \$2,500. A discussion took place whether to accept, and if so, what it should be spent on. Paul suggested a sound system.</p> <p>Lighting – Leslie will talk to Rod Willis regarding changing the timer on the lighting system so that the lights stay on longer, to avoid the issue that arose last year with the lights off and people having difficulty making their way out of the harbour pavilion.</p>		Leslie will talk to Rod Willis regarding the timing of the lights at the harbour pavilion during the Sunday Night concerts.
5.4 Net Shed	<p>Chris reported that Karen and Mary-Louise have been doing lots of sorting of the books. Older books from 2020 (with a red dot) have been pulled.</p> <p>Norm has been very helpful – note that the stairs leading upstairs are not to be used, as they are not safe.</p> <p>The Square payment method is in place, 2.65% for credit card purchases, 10¢ per debit.</p> <p>The Hospital Foundation has requested borrowing the Square for its Plant Sale on June 10. A discussion took place regarding possible exposure to the FOML account if lent out, and how to identify the use. It must be a line item if other users request it, and how often might that occur.</p> <p>Jim will investigate and will report back re: the decision as to</p>		

	whether FOML allows this or not. A question arose of whether FOML can issue tax receipts for charitable donations of books – it was determined that this could only be done if the books were independently appraised.		
5.5 Website	Robert reported that Dinah can no longer do the FOML Facebook page. The password is lost. Chris will talk to Chantelle to see if the password is retrievable, or it should be shut down.		
6. Business Arising			
6.1 New Logo	Postponed to the June meeting.		
6.2 Lawn care 2023	Jim confirmed that the lawn care will be provided by the same person.		
7. New Business			
7.1 Facebook Page	Chris will check to see if the password is recoverable.		
7.2 Canada Day	Susanne asked if FOML would be amenable to sharing a table with the Women's Institute at the Canada Day celebrations, with the possibility of getting some more members. It was agreed that FOML would participate.		
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn: 1. Leslie 2. Paul Adjourned at 5 p.m.		

Next Meeting: June 8, 2023 at 4 p.m.

Secretary: _____ President: _____