

FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

August 10, 2023 4 p.m.

Meaford Public Library, FOML Meeting Room

Present: Leslie Ransom (Pres), Jim Brown (Treas), Susanne Wussow (Sect), Francis Richardson, Chris Richardson, Robert Richardson, Mary Louise Craven, Karen Trusler, Paul Wehrle, Lynne Fascinato, Amy Solecki, Carolyn Wehrle

Regrets: Rosemary Palmer

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
1. Call to order/Opening Welcome Remarks	Leslie Ransom		
2. Adoption of agenda and additions	Addition of New Business – 5a. Message from the Library	Moved: Chris 2 nd : Jim Carried	
3. Minutes of the 2022 AGM meeting		Accept Minutes as presented: Moved: Chris 2 nd : Jim Carried	
4. Annual Reports			
a. Treasurer's Report	Financial Statement for May comprising Year End Total Assets: \$47,945.48 Receivables: \$100 (Canada Helps) Liabilities: \$294.08 Net Assets: \$47,751.40 Total revenues \$30,557.07 YTD Newspaper costs were \$5,686.20. Library costs were \$4,798.07, for routers, bells, Crockadoodle, etc. Event expenses were \$3,278.78, with \$950 going to performers, \$1,900 for Library Week costs, Kate Graham honorarium, gift certificates/cards. Miscellaneous: \$1,240 was returned to the Meaford Culture Foundation. Net profit: \$11,020.80	Accept 2022 Treasurer's Report Moved: Jim 2 nd : Robert Carried	

<p>b. Net Shed Coordinator's Report</p>	<p>The Net Shed was open for the full season, from May to October. Total donations exceeded last year's. Many books were donated over the winter, including a large donation of books from the Lora Bay Library. Some paperbacks were placed in the new Thrift Shop over the winter, providing residents with a place to get books when the Net Shed is closed. Volunteers did an excellent job overseeing the Shed on the weekends, and sorting and shelving during the week. Many visitors commented on the organizations of the books and how easy it is to find what they are looking for.</p>	<p>Moved: Chris 2nd: Paul Carried</p>	
<p>c. Membership Coordinator's Report</p>	<p>Karen reported there are 55 paid memberships, including 18 associate members, 10 Executive members, 8 new members, with 19 returning members. A question was raised as to whether volunteers should be members, as liability may be an issue. As well, should Library staff and board members be members.</p>	<p>Moved: Karen 2nd: Carolyn Carried</p>	
<p>d. Concert Series</p>	<p>Despite two rain-outs and a cancellation, the 2022 summer concert series was a fair success. All 2022 performers were keen to return for the 2023 season, and one donated his honorarium back to the Friends. Several performers' cheques remained uncashed, and are now stale-dated. The lighting at the concerts is still a small issue, with Paul talking to the municipality to resolve the problem. Paul has talked to the Scarecrows regarding use of their sound system, and they have agreed, as they only use it in the fall.</p>	<p>Moved: Paul 2nd: Susanne Carried</p>	

e. Website Coordinator's Report	<p>Robert reported there is nothing major to report. 2022 documentation was archived. 2023 documentation page was created, with meeting agendas, minutes, newsletters, and treasurer's report. The Concerts page was created with the 2023 concert schedule. Robert helped to created an FOML Facebook account, with postings to the Meaford Community News page for concert information and Net Shed updates. A Square point-of-sale device was acquired for use in the Net Shed, with \$1,550 in donations from May 1 to August 10.</p>	Moved: Robert 2 nd : Paul Carried	
f. President's Report	<p>See report attached. Leslie reported that it was a very busy and productive year, and thanked all who helped.</p>	Moved: Leslie 2 nd : Chris Carried	
5. New Business			
a. Message from the Library	<p>Amy reported that, thanks to FOML, the Meaford Library is the envy of many of the surrounding libraries.</p>		
b. Election of Officers List of Candidates	<p>President: Leslie Ransom Vice-President: Francis Richardson Secretary: Susanne Wussow Treasurer: Jim Brown Concert Coordinator: Paul Wehrle Net Shed Coordinator: Chris Richardson Library Board Rep: Chris Richardson Website Master: Robert Richardson Membership Coordinator: Karen Trusler Promotions & Publicity: Mary Louise Craven</p>	<p>There were no nominations from the floor.</p>	<p>Accept the list of candidates: Moved: Paul 2nd: Jim and Carolyn Carried</p>

	Other: Rosemary Palmer Library Board Representative: Chris Richardson		
Adjournment	Adjourned at 4:30 p.m. 1. Susanne 2. Francis		
Next Meeting	Thursday, September 7, 2023 4 p.m. Friends Room at MPL.		

Secretary: _____ President: _____