

**FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Thursday, August 10, 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

Guests: Lynne Fascinato, Amy Solecki, Carolyn Wehrle

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	4 p.m.		
1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions	No additions 1. Karen 2. Jim	Approved	
2. Minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting	Deferred until September meeting		
3. Treasurer's Report	Jim reported assets of \$58,816.28, and the Culture Foundation amount of \$410 was added back to the account. Total Cash is \$59,293.18. Payables were \$2,124.12, mostly due to insurance, and net assets are \$57,269.06. Net Shed revenues were \$5,750.92, an amazing amount. Total revenues were \$8,244.88, with a net profit of \$7,134.99.  Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1. Jim 2. Paul	Approved	
4. Report from the Library	Lynne reported that, thanks to the Friends, CEOs of other Ontario libraries are trying to set up their own Friends groups. One example of the Library's success is a man who comes from Collingwood to read the newspapers, and books a private room to do so, as the Collingwood library does not		

	<p>have paper copies of newspapers. The Meaford library will continue to order two copies of each paper, thanks to the Friends subsidizing the newspapers. Lynne is now the acting CEO for the Library board, due to Rob Armstrong's departure. Amy reported that it has been a busy summer with lots of kids' activities, board games, etc. Fish Facts is coming, NII, a kid-focused program with Bruce Power, and a Teen Lounge, with candy in the FOML Room.</p> <p>Adult programs have been positive, with Amazing Reads and the Walk to Mordor – the literary landmarks are very popular, and the Library has almost reached its goal.</p> <p>The Pop-Up Library at the Farmers' Market has been popular.</p> <p>Two authors' talks are planned for September, with Terry Fallis and Jennifer Robson. Each talk will be at Meaford Hall, and tickets cost \$5. Susanne will interview Jennifer Robson, as she is an author who prefers to be interviewed.</p> <p>The working lunches for local businesses in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce in May and June were good, and will be returning with sessions on Safety, cyber as well as slips, trips, and falls.</p> <p>Ontario Library Week is coming up, as is Georgian Bay Reads in Collingwood. The book is <i>We Have Always Been Here</i>, still searching for a defender.</p> <p>Christmas on the Bay is on the schedule for December, as well as Pottery for Adults, and we will do the Book Flood again with</p>		
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	<p>donations accepted for the Food Bank.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Library's report.</p> <p>1. Robert 2. Jim</p>		
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Net Shed	<p>Chris reported that on a previous Sunday, the Net Shed made \$675 in the one day. Books are being sent to the Friends from other libraries, including the Owen Sound library.</p>		
6. Business Arising			
6.1 New Logo	<p>Mary Louise reported that the door is unique to the Net Shed, and should be considered for the new logo. Leslie will arrange a meeting with Brian and Mary Louise to have another discussion.</p>		<p>Leslie will arrange a meeting with Brian and Mary-Louise.</p>
6.2 Concerts	<p>Paul reported that a record was achieved with the first concert of the season, with \$900 in donations. He sends thank you notes to the bands after they have performed.</p> <p>Regarding the music system, he only has two microphones and stands. He will ask the Culture Foundation if it is acceptable to use the funds previously given to performers but not cashed to purchase more mikes and stands. The Scarecrows can also use the additional equipment if they need it. The additional equipment will be very helpful to some of the performers.</p>		
7. New Business			
7.1 Volunteer Luncheon	<p>The volunteer luncheon will be held again at Francis's family cottage on September 18.</p>		

Adjournment	Called Adjourned by Leslie. Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.		
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Next Meeting: September 14, 2023 at 4 p.m.

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