

**FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Thursday, October 12, 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, Karen Trusler, Mary-Louise Craven

Regrets: Paul Wehrle, Rosemary Palmer

Guests: Amy Solecki, Lynne Fascinato

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	4 p.m.		
1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions	As modified with additions 1. Jim 2. Robert	Approved	
2. Minutes of the September 7 meeting	1. Francis 2. Robert	Approved	
3. Treasurer's Report	<p>Jim reported Total Assets of \$66,102.47. Total Cash is \$66,002.47. Payables were \$819.72, including a cheque for Terry Fallis. Net Assets are \$65,282.75.</p> <p>Net Shed revenues were \$4,140.55, and the concerts added \$517.95. Total revenues were \$4,876.50.</p> <p>The Concert totals this year were \$4,211.34, vs. \$2,482.51 in 2022. Expenses were \$1,001.86, including expenses for the Volunteer Lunch, with a net profit of \$3,874.64.</p> <p>Newspapers now charge for the Sunday issues. The Library will continue to receive the print papers, as they are well read.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1. Jim 2. Francis</p> <p>There was discussion re: the amount in Net Assets, as to whether an amount should be</p>	Approved	

	<p>moved into GICs. Chris suggested that FOML might consider supporting the school library by purchasing books. Francis said that FOML would have to change the constitution, as was done previously with the additions of CDs, DVDs, etc. for the Library.</p> <p>Francis moved that FOML give the Library \$50,000 to upgrade technology, etc.  1. Francis 2. Robert  The motion was not carried.</p> <p>Chris moved to ask the Library representatives for a list of items of up to \$50,000 by the next meeting, to be possibly spread out over several years.  1. Chris 2. Mary-Louise  The motion was passed.</p>	<p>Not approved</p> <p>Approved</p>	
<p>4. Report from the Library</p>	<p>Terry Fallis was well attended, with over 80 attendees. Jennifer Robson was also well attended. Class visits began with the start of the school year.</p> <p>Scarecrow Invasion: The Library won the Indoor Business Display prize, with the pirate ship and indoor photo booth with pirate props.</p> <p>Heather McIntyre, the Indigenous Life and Wellness coach, would like to return for Youth Engagement sessions, and is in discussions with the Library.</p> <p>Ontario Library Week is coming up, with Fay and Fluffy the Drag Queens on Sunday, October 15. Several librarians were served with Cease and Desist papers from Action4Canada, a right-wing group. Lynne has checked with the head HR for libraries in</p>		

	<p>Ontario, and apparently this is not legal paperwork. Lynne has also contacted the OPP letting them know about the event and they have confirmed that they will try to be a presence, just in case. The persons submitting the paperwork are not library patrons.</p> <p>Other events during Ontario Library Week are birding, Wired Wednesday, etc.</p> <p>The working lunches for local businesses in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce have begun.</p> <p>Georgian Bay Reads is on October 21, with Elgin Pecjak representing Meaford.</p> <p>The FOML appreciation party is on Thursday, October 19 at 4 p.m. in the FOML Room for FOML volunteers. Lynne unfortunately can't attend, as she has a municipal event to attend.</p> <p>Other future events include the gnome pottery workshop, Werner Zimmerman, and Christmas on the Bay.</p> <p>Two requests for funds were received, one for \$73.99 plus HST for a puzzle board, and one for an additional 2,000 library cards for \$1,390 plus HST and shipping.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Library's report, and approve the requests for funds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Robert</li> <li>2. Jim</li> </ol>	Approved	
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Membership	<p>Karen reported no changes. A discussion was held as to whether we need the \$5 membership fee. It was determined that it is an</p>		

	administration/association with FOML membership fee, similar to many other associations and service groups.		
5.2 Promotion & Publicity	Mary-Louise is working on the fall newsletter, and has some good pictures from the Volunteer Luncheon to include.		
5.3 Concert Series	Leslie reported that we will continue to advertise the concerts next year, as it was a successful year. Leslie will talk to Paul regarding the cheques outstanding.		
5.4 Net Shed	Chris reported that she received 13 boxes of books for sale, and that the Net Shed has had a fantastic year, with great volunteers. The Scarecrows have turned over a Little Library at Meaford Hall to FOML. It is a little taller and heavier than the Little Library at Memorial Park, and FOML should decide where it will be positioned. Susanne cleared out the Little Library at Memorial Park, and Robert has removed it for winter storage.		
5.5 Website	Robert reported that the website is working well. The router at the Net Shed has been returned to the Library. The Square device cost less than \$100, with fees of \$34.45, and was used for a total of \$2,487.02.		
6. Business Arising			
6.1 New Logo	Mary-Louise has received several options from Brian. It's still in progress, and she is happy with how things are going.		

6.2 Agreement with the Scarecrow Festival	Deferred.		
6.3 Strategic Plan Printing	<p>Amy reported that she had sourced quotes from three different printers for a quantity of 250 copies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. QuikPrint Approx. \$250</li> <li>2. Have1 in Owen Sound \$445</li> <li>3. Staples \$800</li> </ol> <p>A motion was put forward to proceed with #2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Susanne 2. Chris</li> </ol>	Approved	
7. New Business			
7.1 Notice of Personal Liability	Drag Storytime – covered in #4 Report from the Library.		
7.2 Land Acknowledgement Statement	<p>FOML will request direction re: when this should be used: before meetings, on posters or the website, or only during a meeting held at a physical space.</p> <p>We will begin FOML meetings with the Statement, and will receive a laminated copy.</p>		
7.3 Norm McKay Honorarium	<p>The honorarium offered in previous years was a \$100 gift card to the LCBO. A discussion was held as to whether we should offer more, and a variety of options were discussed. Chris and Leslie will talk to him, so that he feels respected and reasonably compensated..</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Robert 2. Chris</li> </ol>		Leslie and Chris will talk to Norm McKay re: options
Adjournment	Called adjourned by Leslie. Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.		

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 4 p.m.

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