

FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, September 7, 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: 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 1. Susanne 2. Mary-Louise | Approved | |
| 2. Minutes of the July 13 and August 10 meeting | July 13 Minutes: 1. Jim 2. Robert August 10 Minutes: 1. Francis 2. Jim | Approved Approved | |
| 3. Treasurer's Report | Jim reported Total Assets of \$62,648.28. Total Cash is \$61,810.24. Payables were \$342.22, and Net Assets are \$62,306.46. Two cheques have not been cashed for \$298.04 – Leslie will follow up. Net Shed revenues were \$4,207.47. Donations received totalled \$653.00, and the concerts added \$1,003.64. Total revenues were \$5,864.11. Expenses were \$2,611.61, primarily due to the insurance payment of \$1,650, with a net profit of \$3,252.50. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1. Jim 2. Francis | Approved | Leslie will check on outstanding cheques. |
| 4. Report from the Library | Amy reported that she will be on maternity leave at the end of October, and Ashley Trusler will fill in as of November. | | |

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| | <p>It has been a successful summer. The Fish dissection was popular with kids.</p> <p>Amazing Reads, the summer reading challenge, had 100 ballots. The Walk to Mordor was completed early.</p> <p>Fall events include Terry Fallis, for which tickets are almost sold out, and Jennifer Robson, with tickets half-sold.</p> <p>The working lunches for local businesses in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce will return mid-September.</p> <p>The Outreach Survey was handed out, and Amy asked that they be completed, thinking of 'the greater community'. September 12 the Library will have an outreach explaining what's available.</p> <p>Ontario Library Week is coming up, with the Drag Queens on Sunday, October 15. It looks like it will be full.</p> <p>Georgian Bay Reads is on October 21.</p> <p>The FOML appreciation party is on Thursday, October 19 at 4 p.m. in the FOML Room for FOML volunteers.</p> <p>Amy requested funds for First Nations public library week. On Wednesday, October 4, Heather McIntyre, an Indigenous Life and Wellness coach who spoke when the Indigenous crosswalk was opened, will do two sessions, one for students and one for adults.</p> <p>Amy requested \$1,200 plus lunch money.</p> <p>Motion for \$1,200</p> <p>1. Robert 2. Francis</p> <p>The Strategic Plan is not printed yet. Chris suggested moving it forward, and Amy will talk to Lynn.</p> | | <p>Amy to speak to Lynn re: moving the printing of the Strategic Plan forward.</p> |
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| | <p>Motion to accept the Library's report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert 2. Jim | | |
| 5. Standing Items | | | |
| 5.1 Membership | <p>We have 48 members. A discussion was held as to whether volunteers should join as members i.e. pay to volunteer. If so, a couple who had been volunteering said they would not volunteer again. Leslie phoned the couple to explain possible liability issues, however they will not volunteer again.</p> | | |
| 5.2 Promotion & Publicity | <p>Mary-Louise and Leslie had coffee with Brian, and have given him further information. FOML will give him an honorarium for his work when completed.</p> | | |
| 5.3 Concert Series | <p>Paul requested \$550 for the purchase of two microphones, two stands, and 25' cables. The total cost will be \$960, with the additional amount coming from the Meaford Culture Foundation.</p> <p>Motion to purchase:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jim 2. Karen <p>Paul would like to formalize the agreement with the Scarecrows. Leslie asked him to produce a protocol which we can vote on in the next meeting.</p> | | <p>Paul to produce a protocol for an agreement with the Scarecrows that they agree to as well.</p> |
| 5.4 Net Shed | <p>Chris reported that Owen Sound and Thornbury libraries have donated lots of large print books. There are many empty spaces on the shelves.</p> <p>Elise has made \$500 selling online, and Chris was able to off-load a box of Nancy Drews.</p> <p>The Scarecrows have turned over a Little Library with kids' books at Meaford Hall to FOML.</p> | | |

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| 5.5 Website | Robert reported that there is nothing to report. | | |
| 6. Business Arising | | | |
| 6.1 New Logo | Deferred to the next meeting. | | |
| 6.2 Volunteer Luncheon | Robert and Chris will go to Costco to stock up for the Volunteer Luncheon, to be held again at Francis's family cottage on September 18. | | |
| 6.3 Appreciation for FOML | Francis reported that by working at the Net Shed, many patrons have spoken to him about how they really appreciate what FOML does. Leslie said that she has spoken with someone from Springwater on how to start up a Friends group for their library. | | |
| 7. New Business | | | |
| 7.1 Thanks | Thanks were received from the Nicholas Burt family for the gift from FOML. | | |
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| Adjournment | Called adjourned by Leslie. Adjourned at 4:55 p.m. | | |

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 4 p.m.

Secretary: _____ President: _____