

FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, March 14, 2024 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 (video)

Regrets: Paul Wehrle, Rosemary Palmer

Guests: Ashley Trusler, Lynne Fascinato

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	4 p.m.		
1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions	1. Jim 2. Karen	Approved	
2. Minutes of the November 9, 2023 meeting	1. Robert 2. Jim	Approved	
3. Treasurer's Report	<p>Jim reported Total Assets of \$57,268.64. Total Cash is \$57,168.64. Payables were \$503.49. Net Assets are \$56,765.15.</p> <p>There is a liability of \$10,000 to be factored in, a private donation to be used for children's programming. FOML is the placeholder for the donation. Total revenues were \$353.34, from the Net Shed and a \$200 donation. Expenses were \$596.74, with a net loss of \$243.40.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1. Jim 2. Karen</p> <p>Jane Buchanan passed. A condolence note was received from Doris and Hugh Lawrence.</p>	Approved	

<p>4. Report from the Library</p>	<p>Ashley reported that January events included a Hot Drink station, an adult lounge, and class visits are busy. A partnership with Brightshore's Health Clinic was established.</p> <p>Over \$300 was raised during the Book Flood, and was donated to the Food Bank.</p> <p>February events included Love Your Library, and other events.</p> <p>Ashley reported that in 2023, the library saw 85,000 visits.</p> <p>Future events include an Author Talk, Jane Pritchard will cross-promote in April. Lawrence Hill is a possible Author Talk. Another major author is a possibility, but hasn't been finalized yet. The Women's Day lunch was very successful.</p> <p>Lynne reported that the Library has a new hire, Samantha. The town is still looking for a new CAO, and the Library Board will meet next week.</p> <p>Lynne proposes to purchase Skedda, a program to help with room bookings. The Library receives 120 room bookings per month, and the program will help with coordination.</p> <p>Lynne requested \$2,000 for 500 new Library bags.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Library's report, and approve the requests for funds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert 2. Jim 	<p>Approved</p>	
<p>5. Standing Items</p>			
<p>5.1 Net Shed</p>	<p>Chris reported that boxes of books are still being received. A new Little Library box has been received, and a discussion was held as to the location for it. Chris will talk to the town about the possibility of locating it at the</p>		

	<p>marina building, and will report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>The shrub obscuring the main window will be taken down and away by Robert and Jim when yard waste opens.</p>		
5.2 Membership	<p>Karen reported that the membership form is being revamped.</p> <p>Volunteer sign-up will be May 4, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the FOML Room.</p>		
5.3 Concert Series	<p>Leslie reported that a new entertainer, Lloyd Moore, may possibly be added to the line up. She has sent the information to Paul.</p>		
5.4 Website	<p>Robert reported that he will add the May 4 volunteer sign-up date, and the Saturday, May 18 opening day.</p> <p>Square costs will be the same as 2023.</p> <p>Robert requested the use of a router at the Net Shed from the Library for the summer.</p>		
5.5 Promotion and Publicity	<p>Mary-Louise reported that the new logo will be used in the spring newsletter. Karen suggested that Information about the history of the Net Shed and the McKay family and its importance might be included for Meaford's 150th event.</p> <p>The Net Shed might be decorated for this summer, to acknowledge the sesquicentennial – to be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Robert said that he needs a jpg or pdf of the new logo for the website.</p>		

6. Business Arising			
6.1 Donation to children's programming	Leslie will write a note to the donor at the six-month mark, itemizing how the funds have been spent to date.		
7. New Business			
7.1 Volunteer Appreciation Event	Chris has sent the invitation to FOML members. Chris has filled out the form requesting a table at the April 18 volunteer recruitment event. The times are 11 – 1 and 4 – 6 p.m.		
Adjournment	Adjourned by Leslie at 4:50 p.m.		

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 4 p.m.

Secretary: _____ President: _____