

FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, April 17, 2025 4 p.m.

FOML Meeting Room, Meaford Library

Present: Leslie Ransom (Pres), Susanne Wussow (Sect), Chris Richardson, Robert Richardson, Karen Trusler, Francis Richardson, Paul Wehrle

Regrets: Jim Brown, Chris Fray, Rosemary Palmer

Guests: Amy Solecki

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	4:00 p.m.		
1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions	1. Robert 2. Francis	Approved	
2. Minutes of the November 12, 2024 meeting	1. Susanne 2. Chris	Approved	
3. Treasurer's Report	<p>The report noted Total Assets of \$62,353.45. The bank account has \$31,911.03, with the two GICs adding \$30,279.67.</p> <p>Cash on Hand is \$41.18, and a Float of \$30.</p> <p>Total Cash is \$62, 261.88 and Receivables of \$55.</p> <p>Accrued Interest was \$36.57.</p> <p>Payables were \$1,426.03.</p> <p>Net Assets are \$60,927.42.</p> <p>Total revenues were \$111.03, with \$65 in donations, and interest \$46.03.</p> <p>Expenses were \$771.73, including Library Equipment totalling \$139.99, and \$544 for newspapers. There was a net Loss of -\$660.70.</p> <p>A question was raised as to why the Volunteer Appreciation space was left blank, and what the Misc. Income of \$904 (YTD) referred to.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report</p> <p>1. Robert 2. Karen</p>	Approved	<p>Jim to clarify the Volunteer Appreciation space amount, and the Misc. Income of \$904.4. Report from the LibraryAmy is back from maternity leave, and gave a big thank you to FOML for sponsorship of the March Break programs.</p>

<p>4. Report from the Library</p>	<p>Amy is back from maternity leave, and gave a big thank you to FOML for sponsorship of the March Break programs.</p> <p>Spring planning is underway, with National Film Day on April 16, and the baby chicks return (different chicks).</p> <p>The new CAO seems very positive.</p> <p>May plans include Yin Yang for Asian Heritage Month, and Yuko with origami session with kids.</p> <p>The last puzzle exchange of the season is May 10, with a 2 for 1 offer – donate 1, get 2.</p> <p>The next Book Talk will be with Rosalie Tennison and her new book Naomi's Houses. This will be her 4th Book Talk.</p> <p>Requests for FOML aid included a \$150 honorarium for Rosalie Tennison, \$560 for David Chapman during Earth Week April 22 & 24, and \$900 for a Felted Soap workshop for 15 people.</p> <p>There may be an additional felting workshop at Christmas to make felted gnomes, for \$1,050.</p> <p>Adults have enjoyed the arts and crafts workshops led by an expert, such as the wire art workshop led by James Paterson, and the Pysanki eggs workshop, which had to have a second workshop added to accomodate the interest.</p> <p>Lynne requested online approval from the FOML board with her Feb. 5 email, for seven items, including Story Times, the David Chapman Earth Week presentation, and several author talks, which was granted.</p> <p>Amy will create a poster for various FOML dates, including the Volunteer Sign up, the AGM, Opening Day at the Net Shed, etc.</p>		
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	Amy also mentioned that Penguin has offered a famous Canadian singer/songwriter promoting his new book on November 5. Details to come.		
5. Standing Items			
5 a. Net Shed	Chris reported that sign up day is May 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the FOML room at the Library.		
5 b. Membership	Karen reported no change, and requested board members who had not yet signed on to do so.		
5 c. Concert Series	Paul reported that many of the dates and artists have already been confirmed.		
5 d. Website	Robert will add the Net Shed May 17 opening day, as well as the volunteer sign up day. The Documentation page has been updated for 2025. He also requested a router from the Library for May 1, for Square use.		
5 e. Newsletter	No report.		
6. Business Arising			
6.1 Constitution and By-Laws Review	The Constitution and By-Laws were re-reviewed with some amendments made, with Paul to submit for final approval at the next meeting.		
6.2 Concert Items	An alternate site in inclement weather at the Meaford United Church has been proposed, and Paul will send a letter. The curtains at the pavilion are definitely in the budget.		
6.3 McKay Appreciation	It was suggested that the board invite the family to come in to		

	view the Shadow Box. Chris will make it more special.		
7. New Business			
7 a. Volunteer Appreciation Event	The Municipal Volunteer Appreciation event will take place on April 28.		
7 b. Online Book Sales	Elyse Pike, who has been selling various books online and contributing to Assets, is no longer able to continue. The board is looking for someone new to continue, possibly by reaching out to members.		
7 c. Volunteer Sign Up and Opening of Net Shed	The Volunteer Sign Up date is May 3, and Susanne will add it to the Events page at TMI. The Net Shed will open on Saturday, May 17, the Victoria Day long weekend.		
Adjournment	Adjourned by Leslie at 4:50 p.m.		

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 4 p.m.

Secretary: _____ President: _____