

FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 2025 4 p.m.

FOML Meeting Room, Meaford Library

Present: Leslie Ransom (Pres), Susanne Wussow (Sect), Jim Brown (Treas), Chris Richardson, Robert Richardson, Karen Trusler, Paul Wehrle, Chris Fray

Regrets: Francis Richardson, 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. Jim 2. Robert	Approved	
2. Minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting	1. Karen 2. Paul	Approved	
3. Treasurer's Report	<p>Jim reported Total Assets of \$61,390.79. The bank account has \$30,907.52, with the two GICs adding \$30,310.52. Cash on Hand is \$41.18, and a Float of \$30. Total Cash is \$61,289.22 and Receivables of \$65. Accrued Interest was \$36.57. Payables were \$954.08. Net Assets are \$60,436.71. Total revenues were \$105.96, with \$55 in donations, and interest \$50.96. Expenses were \$1,109.47, including Library Equipment totalling \$445.00, and \$605 for newspapers. There was a net Loss of -\$1,003.51. Susanne gave Jim \$96 for Winter Net Shed sales. The \$10,000 donation for the Jr. Library is totally paid. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>1. Robert 2. Karen</p>	Approved	Jim will check what the \$445 amount was for.

<p>4. Report from the Library</p>	<p>Amy thanks FOML for the events made possible.</p> <p>The Book Talk was with Rosalie Tennison from Winnipeg visiting her cousin. She misunderstood the \$150 honorarium and thought she was being asked to pay.</p> <p>Clair Cameron will have a new book for the Coffee House Reads on June 4.</p> <p>The Elder Law and the Gardeners in Residence series were both great successes.</p> <p>May plans include May 1p to celebrate Asian Heritage Month, with the benefits etc. of Yin Yang and Yuko with an origami session with Jr. Library members on May 10.</p> <p>The last puzzle exchange of the season is May 10, with a 2 for 1 offer – donate 1, get 2.</p> <p>Amy introduced Charlie McGee, the summer student at the Library.</p> <p>Amy will add dates for various FOML dates, including the concerts and Net Shed dates, etc., to the Library newsletter.</p> <p>Upcoming events include two sessions which will compare growth between tomato seeds which went to space and regular earth-bound tomato seeds.</p> <p>Caterpillars are in the mail, to watch them evolve. FOML support for these types of programs allow them to be free, barrier-free, etc.</p> <p>Amy provided a spreadsheet outlining the events paid and requested to date, totalling \$9,073.64.</p> <p>Lynne is requesting an inventory wand costing \$9,000. She will demonstrate it at the next meeting.</p>		<p>Amy will modify the spreadsheet so that the events are in date order.</p> <p>Lynne will demonstrate the usefulness of the inventory wand at the next meeting.</p>
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	<p>Amy reported that the number of books that the Library has when stacked is higher than the Burj Khalifa tower.</p> <p>Tim Cook, the curator of the War Museum in Ottawa and Canadian war historian, will be possibly be at the Base in July. Amy is in discussions to see if he might want to promote his book "The Good Allies" while he is in Meaford. She will send more information to the Board when she has it.</p>		
5. Standing Items			
5 a. Net Shed	<p>Chris R. reported she is working on stacking the shelves. Susanne will bring the Winter Net Shed books to the Net Shed. The Wee Libraries will be installed in the next few days.</p>		
5 b. Membership	<p>Karen reported 3 new members, with a total of 41 paid members. One person is interested joining the Executive.</p>		
5 c. Concert Series	<p>Paul reported that all dates and performers are booked, and handed out bookmarks with this year's schedule and performers. The advertising at the radio station is booked.</p> <p>Everyone who performs gets a thank you card, anyone who has ever performed gets a Christmas card.</p> <p>With rainouts, Paul is not sure about the United Church, he will ask if it's possible to move the event to the Cook St. Church.</p> <p>If there is a rainout, Paul needs to confirm by Friday 9 a.m. if cancelled, so that the change can be broadcast on the radio.</p> <p>Shirley Keaveney has confirmed that the curtains for the pavilion are coming.</p> <p>Paul will buy stamps and card</p>		

	stock, printer ink, etc., and give the receipts to Jim for reimbursement.		
5 d. Website	Robert has received a router from the Library to confirm credit and debit uses. He has entered all the performers and dates, bio information, etc. on the website. Paul suggested getting mailboxes for the Executive on the website. Robert said the website is for information only, not a communication device.		
5 e. Newsletter	Chris F. will add Paul's concert information to the spring newsletter. She will also add some miniature books to the Shadowbox, plus some additional items.		
6. Business Arising			
6.1 Constitution and By-Laws Review	The Constitution and By-Laws were re-reviewed with some amendments made, with Susanne to proofread. It will be presented at the AGM in June, and 30 days notice will need to be given. There will be a special meeting on May 22 for final amendments and approval of the Constitution and By-Laws. Notices will be put in The Meaford Independent on the Events page, and on the website and Facebook. The AGM is Tuesday, June 24.		Susanne to proofread the Constitution.
7. New Business			
7 a. Lawn mowing	Jim confirms that the lawn mowing has been arranged and confirmed as per last year.		
Adjournment	Adjourned by Leslie at 5:16 p.m.		

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 4 p.m. (Special Meeting re: Constitution)

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 4 p.m.

Secretary: _____ President: _____