

FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, August 14, 2025 4 p.m.

FOML Meeting Room, Meaford Library

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

Regrets: Jim Brown (Treas), Francis Richardson, Paul Wehrle, Rosemary Palmer

Guests: Amy Solecki, Lynne Fascinato, Bill Vernon

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	4 p.m.		
1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions	1. Robert 2. Susanne	Approved	
2. Minutes of the June 24, 2025 meeting	1. Karen 2. Robert	Approved	
3. Treasurer's Report	<p>Jim was not available. The report was submitted for information only.</p> <p>Total Assets of \$71,959.29. The bank account has \$41,368.83, with the two GICs adding \$30,424.80.</p> <p>Cash on Hand is \$32.95, and a Float of \$30.</p> <p>Total Cash is \$71,856.58, and Receivables are \$65.</p> <p>Accrued Interest was \$37.71.</p> <p>Payables were \$1,261.95. Net Assets are \$70,697.34.</p> <p>Total revenues were \$5,202.46.</p> <p>The Net Shed contributed \$3,640.84, \$185 in Donations, and interest \$49.32. Concerts contributed \$1,327.30.</p> <p>Expenses were \$1,497.41, including Event Expenses of \$850 and \$594 for newspapers. There was a Net Profit of \$3,705.05.</p> <p>There is a discrepancy of \$142 from before which Jim will follow up with.</p>		

<p>4. Report from the Library</p>	<p>Lynne reported that the Library will be closed for training on September 8, regarding the Bibliotecha wand/inventory, etc.</p> <p>Amy reported that the Bonnie Reichert author talk on July 3 was well attended, as were the summer programs for kids. The felted soap event filled up very quickly, with another one planned in December. Alan Doyle is booked for Wednesday, November 5 at Meaford Hall, in conversation with Christopher Thomas. Tickets are \$40, which includes a copy of his new book.</p> <p>Lori has been busy with Poems in the Parkette, Scarecrows in October. The Lego Club and Home School Club will be returning, as will seed saving in the fall. There will be a pickling workshop at the end of August. Lori Oschefski is coming on September 20, with a presentation on British Home Children coming to Canada. Amy is asking FOML for \$250 to sponsor.</p> <p>Pop-Up Ambassadors will be coming in September, October, and November, with Community Service partners such as Alzheimers, Pflag, etc. every Monday, at a table at the front of the Library to help promote their group.</p> <p>Amy also reported that the Library will host a Puzzle-Off competition with teams of 4 competing to complete the same puzzle the fastest, during Ontario Library Week in October.</p> <p>Robert asked if any funds are left from the previous funds supplied. Amy will double-check her</p>		
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	documents and will let us know with a spreadsheet detailing the funds spent to date. More events will be announced soon, including Win With Your Library Card, up to \$1,500 in prizes, Christmas on the Bay plans, etc.		
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Membership	Karen reported a total of 50 paid members.		
5.2 Newsletter	No report at the moment.		
5.3 Concert Series	Leslie reported that the Concerts are going well.		
5.4 Net Shed	Chris reported that the Net Shed is doing well. The August long weekend donations beat the previous record of July 1. She is looking for more books, ideally fiction and also large print.		
5 e. Website	Robert reported that he was asked if a group called Inkwell could do a video about the Net Shed, as part of their series on interesting and unique bookstores in Meaford. They filmed after closing one day, and Robert and Chris reviewed the video prior to it being posted live. It will link to the FOML Net Shed Instagram as well. www.inkwellfest.com		
6. Business Arising			
6.1	Guest Bill Vernon inquired if there were any possibilities for fundraising in the winter.		
6.2 Demonstration of Inventory Wand	Lynne demonstrated how the purchased wand will work.		

7.0 New Business			
7.1 Date for the Volunteer Lunch	The Volunteer Lunch will again be held at the Richardson cottage, on September 18. The invitation will go out after Labour Day.		
7.2 OLA Superconference	Leslie may make a presentation, possibly with Amy, with a proposal on How you get by with a Little Help from your Friends.		
Adjournment	Adjourned by Leslie at 5:01 p.m.		

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 2025, after the Volunteer Lunch

Secretary: _____ President: _____