

FRIENDS OF THE MEAFORD LIBRARY

Executive Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 18, 2025 Richardson Cottage 1:30 pm

Attendance

Leslie Ransom
Francis Richardson
Robert Richardson
Chris Richardson
Karen Trusler
Chris Fray
Amy Solecki
Lynne Fascinato

Regrets

Paul Wehrle
Susanne Wussow
Jim Brown

1. Agenda- Additions/approval

Passed

2. Approval of August 14, 2025 minutes (motion required)

No minutes present

3. Treasurer's Report- Jim (see attached) (motion required)

NA

4. Report from Library

A Solecki shared highlights from the Meaford Public Library from August and September in addition to sharing what they are looking forward to in the next month.

Thanked the FOML for the sponsorship of many of the events including the British Home Children, Canning, Mosaics, and Alan Doyle.

Informed the FOML that the library team received training on the new Inventory Wand.

Question regarding if we know how many people from the L.E. Shore Library is using the Meaford Public Library. **Answer** our membership forms request residence information. From this we will know if they are from the Blue Mountain's area.

5. Standing Items

a. Net Shed Coordinator Report

C. Richardson shared how the turnover system worked, which will allow the team to know how long books have been in the Net Shed. They are currently sorting the 2025 books and preparing for the winter clean up.

L. Fascinato asked how well the DVDs were selling.
C. Richardson answered that they were selling well in addition to Westerns, Audio, and Large Print.
C. Richardson is looking forward to the year end total.

b. Membership Coordinator Report

K. Trusler shared that there was nothing new to report.
A reminder to have P. Wehrle to send thank you cards to the Net Shed volunteers.

c. Concert Series Coordinator Report

No report present.

d. Website Coordinator Report

R. Richardson shared that square sales are increasing in popularity. \$3,622 worth of sales through the square, which is about 20%.

e. Newsletter

C. Fray shared she is starting the fall newsletter. She will be including some of the resources, services, and programs that the Friends of Meaford Library have supported.

6. Business Arising

a. FOML Sponsorships documents

A. Solecki shared the 2024/2025 purchases from the Meaford Public Library. Still not complete as she will be reviewing it with J. Brown once more.

Motion: F. Richardson to provide the Meaford Public Library with \$20,000 to cover the expenditures of 2025.

Moved by F. Richardson

Seconded by R. Richardson

Passed

L. Fascinato informed the FOML that the FOML sponsorships will be included in the annual report going forward and it will be helped with the budget process.

F. Richardson commented that the success of the Friends should not deter the budget of the Library.

7. New Business

a. OLA Conference

L. Ransom shared that she has the opportunity to speak at the Ontario Library Association (OLA) Super Conference with the Meaford Public Library about the Friends Group. A. Solecki reviewed that the OLA Super Conference, a gathering of libraries across Ontario to share ideas, learn, and develop from one another. L. Ransom requested that the FOML sponsor the expenses for her for one day.

Motion: F. Richardson moved the Friends of Meaford Library sponsor L. Ransom to participate in OLA Super Conference as a speaker, if the proposal is accepted, for one day.

Moved by F. Richardson

Seconded by R. Richardson

Passed

8. Other

L. Ransom thanked the Richardson's for the use of the cottage for the volunteer BBQ.

9. Adjournment. Next Meeting- Thursday, October 9, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm.