

FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 2025 4 p.m.

FOML Meeting Room, Meaford Library

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

Regrets: Paul Wehrle, Chris Fray, Rosemary Palmer

Guests: Amy Solecki

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 August 14, 2025 meeting Minutes of the September 18, 2025 meeting	September 18 Minutes approved with changes and Amy will resubmit 1. Robert 2. Chris R. approved both	Approved	
3. Treasurer's Report	Total Assets of \$69,557.50. The bank account has \$37,963.52, with the two GICs adding \$30,532.34. Cash on Hand is \$881.40, and a Float of \$30. Total Cash is \$69,407.26, and Receivables are \$65. Accrued Interest was \$85.24. Payables were \$431.13 for the volunteer party. Net Assets are \$69,126.37. Total revenues were \$4,161.54. The Net Shed contributed \$3,553.29, and \$65 in Donations. Concerts contributed \$543.25. YTD revenues were less than the previous YTD, with a discussion as to why that might be. Expenses were \$1,698.88, including Advertising for \$330 promoting the concerts and \$625.45 for newspapers. There was a Net Profit of \$2,462.66. Approved 1. Jim 2. Francis		

4. Report from the Library	Amy reported that there are only 10 tickets left for the Alan Doyle author talk on Wednesday, November 5 at Meaford Hall. The Library is sponsoring a Chamber of Commerce After 5 with the Book Hive during Ontario Public Library Week. The Mosaic Workshop is already booked up; 16 people are booked, at a cost of \$705. Up to 24 can be accommodated for an additional cost of \$376. Amy will consider adding another one. Art workshops are very popular – Amy will attempt to get a grant. If not, she will need to charge (wire art, felt, etc.) This shows a need for creativity workshops. Show Your Library Card is back, and is great for local businesses and library patron participation. The big prize is once again a Nintendo Switch. There may be a possible power outage on October 19 – the start may have to be moved to October 20. The Library will host a Puzzle-Off competition with teams of 4 competing to complete the same 500-piece puzzle the fastest, during Ontario Library Week in October. Remembrance Day cards are available for youths to fill out. Forest of Reading is back again, with grade-level books. Christmas on the Bay – the Library will have crafts, activities, and a gingerbread house decorating competition (instead of wreaths). Women's House, the Women's Centre at the Anglican Church requests that FOML sponsor four		

	speakers on the subject of human trafficking for \$950. Dorothy Embacher will present Fall Prevention in November. Seniors' Health will be moved to 2026. The Library thank you party for FOML volunteers is October 23 at 3 p.m. An invitation will also be sent to the McKays.		
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Membership	Karen reported no change.		
5.2 Newsletter	Chris is working on it with Leslie.		
5.3 Concert Series	Paul submitted a report saying that it was a highly successful season, and recapped the performers and summer schedule. He will send out personal thank you notes to each performer, as usual. At least six of the acts have already consented to perform again next year.		
5.4 Net Shed	Chris reported that the Net Shed is getting ready to close. Some shelves have spaces, and some books will be packed up for Library donations during Christmas on the Bay, December 4 – 7, as well as some for the Winter Net Shed at Paper+. The mouse problem must be mitigated. Jim will take down the Wee Library. FOML will again donate a \$100 gift card to the McKays in thanks. Approved: 1. Leslie 2. Jim		
5 e. Website	Robert reported that he will wrap up final website information as the Net Shed closes.		

6. Business Arising			
6.1 FOML Sponsorships	Amy and Jim will review the document, and update and confirm for the November meeting.		
6.2 Net Shed Closing	As noted in the Net Shed report above.		
7.0 New Business			
7.1 Meetings Rescheduled	A discussion was held to consider moving the meetings from the second Thursday of the month to later in the month. This was tabled to discuss 2026 meeting dates at the November 13 meeting.		
Adjournment	Adjourned by Leslie at 4:51 p.m.		

Next Meeting: November 13, 2025, 4 p.m.

Secretary: _____ President: _____