

**FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Thursday, November 13, 2025 4 p.m.**

**Alternative 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, Rosemary Palmer

Guests: Amy Solecki, Lynne Fascinato

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	4 p.m.		
1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions	1. Karen 2. Robert	Approved	
2.1 Minutes of the October 9, 2025 meeting	October 9 Minutes approved as amended 1. Jim 2. Robert	Approved	
2.2 Minutes of the Special Meeting, October 23, 2025 meeting	October 23 Minutes approved 1. Chris R. 2. Karen	Approved	
3. Treasurer's Report	Total Assets of \$69,327.05. The bank account has \$38,626.14, with the two GICs adding \$30,520.21. Cash on Hand is \$33.75, and a Float of \$30. Total Cash is \$69,210.10. Receivables are \$65, and Accrued Interest was \$51.95. Payables were \$1,928.83 for the Event Expenses and Misc. Net Assets are \$67,398.22. Total revenues were \$2,364.59. The Net Shed contributed \$2,159.95, and \$170 in Donations. Expenses were \$2,549.62, including Event Expenses of \$1,728.00 and \$604.00 for newspapers. There was a Net Loss of \$185.03. The YTD Net Profit of \$6,438.76 must be \$0 or negative by the end of May. Approved 1. Jim 2. Susanne		

<p>4. Report from the Library</p>	<p>Lynne reported that a new organization chart for the Library is being developed, with changes in staffing for 2026 as well as a beginning to succession planning. The Owen Sound Library is proposing an 11% increase in Meaford's contribution. The Board must discuss this increase since it is over the 4% previously budgeted. The Board will meet the week of November 17 to discuss negotiations. There are 1,003 Meaford people with Owen Sound library cards, which costs Meaford \$158,480, or \$158 per person.</p> <p>Amy thanked FOML for its support. The Alan Doyle event cost over \$3,000, including the Opera House Hall rental, the tech person, cleaning, ticket sales, etc. Alan Doyle complimented Nancy's flower arrangement from Simply Unique.</p> <p>During October's Public Library month, Home Hardware had the most ballots. Local businesses are very appreciative, and more people come in to renew or join the Library.</p> <p>At Georgian Bay Reads, the Springwater book won, although feelings were that it was voted for because it was a lesser known book. There was a great defence of the Meaford choice, but Cellist lost even though it was deemed the better book.</p> <p>There is a presentation on Human Trafficking tonight with four speakers who will share their personal experiences, sponsored by FOML and Grey-Bruce Health Awareness.</p> <p>December brings Christmas on the Bay events, with a</p>		

	gingerbread house competition, hot chocolate, a Silent Santa and a drop-in Santa. There will also be a calming station at the Library, for those who may find the events to be over-stimulating. There will also be a felt gnome workshop for adults, colouring pages, a Christmas card exchange, and wreath decorating.		
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Membership	Karen reported no change.		
5.2 Newsletter	Chris reported nothing new.		
5.3 Concert Series	No report as the season is over.		
5.4 Net Shed	Chris reported nothing new.		
5.5 Website	Robert reported that the new Constitution has been added, and the Code of Conduct will be added when Leslie adjusts the updated date. Use of the Square added \$4,226.39 to sales at the Net Shed from May 1 – October 31 (the Net Shed year). Costs are \$74.62 for the Square. There was a loss of \$41.25 for a cash transaction, with some discussion how that may have happened. Robert has disabled the cash option. Usage of the Square is increasing year over year.		
6. Business Arising			
6.1 Hydro Bill for Net Shed	The billing cannot be changed until after October, and the bill will come to FOML in the future, at a cost of approximately \$40 per month, about \$200 per year. The bill will now go to Jim for payment. Motion: 1. Jim 2. Robert	Approved	

	Removal of the shrub and mouse issues are not a problem with Mr. McKay.		
7.0 New Business			
7.1 Christmas on the Bay	Chris reported that the books are packed for the Library donations, and will be set up on December 3 for two weeks, beginning December 4.		
7.2 Table banner	Chris F. reported a 2'x 4' vinyl banner would cost \$63.99, or we could do a poster for \$35 from Riverside on foamcore, or sandwich boards. The wording could read "Net Shed Books, donations to the Meaford Food Bank, sponsored by FOML" There was a motion that Banner/Poster advertising cost no more than \$100. Motion: 1. Chris F. 2. Chris R.	Approved	
7.3 2026 Meetings	Francis suggested that the October meeting be moved to later in October to close off the books. Jim explained that he could only do an interim report. After discussion, it was agreed that, only for October, the meeting could be held the Thursday after Thanksgiving.		
7.4 Standee Poster to Promote Events	Amy would like a stand up banner. Tabled for 2026.		
Adjournment	Adjourned by Leslie at 5:05 p.m.		

Next Meeting: March 2026, date TBD

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ President: \_\_\_\_\_