

Friends of Meaford Library Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Members:

Leslie Ransom
Francis Richardson
James Brown
Karen Trusler
Chris Richardson
Robert Richardson

Library Representative

Amy Solecki

Members Absent

Susanne Wussow
Paul Wehrle
Chris Fray

1. Agenda Approval

L. Ransom called the meeting to order at 3:55 p.m. with quorum noted.
Approval of the agenda as presented.

2. Approval of November 13, 2025, meeting

To be approved at the following meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

J. Brown reviewed the Position of Statement and Operating Statement.

Moved by J. Brown

Seconded by R. Richardson

Approved

4. Library Report

A. Solecki shared the library report which included highlights of events the library hosted throughout the late fall and winter months and what the library is looking forward to in the spring.

Thanked the Friends of Meaford Library for their sponsorship of many of the events hosted by the library.

Informed the members that two library team members received promotions.

Reviewed the Friends of Meaford Library sponsorship for 2026 so far. Will bring the 2025 report to the next meeting in addition to the updated 2026 report.

5. Standing Items

Net-Shed Co-ordinator – C. Richardson

Informed the members that she has collected many books throughout the winter but is still encouraging more before the Net Shed opening.

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Also reported that the team is ready for the volunteer sign up on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at the Meaford Public Library from 10 am to 12 pm.

The Net Shed has been tidied and ready to go for the Saturday, May 16, 2026, opening.

Membership Co-ordinator – K. Trusler

Shared an update of the dues paid for 2026.

New 2026 membership forms have been created and will be available as of May 2, 2026.

Concert Co-ordinator – P. Wehrle

L. Ransom read out the printed report from P. Wehrle.

The members agreed to continue to use FM 99.3 for promotion of the Sunday Concert Series.

Moved by R. Richardson

Second by J. Brown

Approved

Action: P. Wehrle is to send J. Brown the invoice.

Newsletter Co-ordinator – C. Fray

NA

Website – R. Richardson

Richardson shared that the updated documents from 2025 are now available on the FOML website. Additionally, he has updated the concert calendar.

Requested the Wi-Fi Hotspot for the summer from the Meaford Public Library.

6. Business Arising

L. Ransom informed the members that the Friends of Meaford Library gave a \$50 gift card for Sheila Carmichael 90th Birthday

Shared that the Friends of Meaford Library raised over \$450 dollars for the Food Bank during the Christmas Book Flood.

Reported that the banner for the table, with grommets, has been purchased and it was used for the Christmas Book Flood. There was discussion of an additional banner for the “poster” easel.

7. New Business

Volunteer Appreciation

Reminded the members of the Volunteer Appreciation Event on Monday, April 27, 2026, at the Meaford Hall Galleries at 5 pm. All members of the Friends are invited.

Radio Advertisements for Upcoming Summer Concert Series

Please see P. Wehrle’s report.

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Volunteer Sign up Day

Please see C. Richardson's report. L. Ransom will bring coffee and cookies.

Little Libraries Set Up

S. Wussow will be setting them up in May.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, May 14 at 4:00 pm

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 pm by L. Ransom