FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Thursday, August 13, 2026 4 p.m.

FOML Room, Meaford Library

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

Regrets: 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. Paul	Approved	
2. Minutes of the June 11, 2026 meeting	June Minutes approved 1. Paul 2. Karen	Approved	
3. Treasurer's Report	Jim reported a healthy bank account, with Total Assets of $61,325.82. The bank account has $29,996.60, with the two GICs adding $30,685.40. Cash on Hand is $313.30, and a Float of $30. Total Cash is $61,025.30. Receivables are $235, and Accrued Interest on the GICs was $65.52. Payables were $3,792.55, and Net Assets are $57,533.27. Total revenues were $7,048.24, with $4,758.27 from the Net Shed, donations of $355, and $34.64 interest. Memberships added $30.00. Concert revenues added $1,516.30, and the HST rebate added $354.03. Expenses were $4,274.98, including Insurance expense of $1,904.00, $605.98 for newspapers, as well as Library Equipment of $356.21. Event Expenses were $620.00, and Net Shed Hydro was $37.36. There was a Net Profit of $2,773.26. Approved 1. Jim 2. Francis	Approved	

4. Report from the Library	Amy reported that, thanks to FOML, 130 kids have registered for the TD Summer Reading Program. The Mah Jongg kits have been received. Queerfest was wonderfully presented, and received lots of positive feedback. There was a slight hiccup as insurance was required by the Municipality for performers since it was held in the parkette (not in the building). Amy requested $200 from FOML to cover the cost of the insurance. She will work out the details regarding liability etc. for future events. This brought up the larger question of whether our performers are covered. Francis suggested that we request to have someone come and meet us to go over insurance details. Leslie will contact Brady Carver regarding this. Some angled display shelving is now sponsored by FOML. David Chapman will come back during Ontario Library Week re: Fall Colours. The Carol Off event on November 9 will have the final cost tallied, including Meaford Hall rental. The price of the event is $40, including a copy of her book, True Patriot Love. Win with Your Library Card will focus on specific locations which people are more interested in winning from. At Georgian Bay Reads, Suzanne Scott is defending Greenwood by Michael Christie for Meaford. The event is in Elmvale, and Amy asked if FOML might sponsor the cost of the bus to take patrons. Depending on interest, the bus	We should request a meeting regarding insurance details.	Amy to follow up on the details regarding liability etc. for future events. Leslie to contact Brady Carver.

	might be shared with Collingwood attendees. A request from the Library: they would like to purchase three CELA devices for people with print disabilities or mobility issues. The devices are preloaded with some books, and can also be loaded with some personal requests. Approved: 1. Robert 2. Jim Claire the summer student is leaving at the end of August. Hamlet Tales was quite successful. In future, instead of Coffee House Reads at the Library, the events may possibly be held at the small municipal halls such as Bognor. New events to come are felting, canning, and Japanese quilting. The new website with the town will have a Youtube video on how to use the Library website. Shauntel is weeding out the collection to make room for new books, and possibly add the removed books to the trolley for donations. Paul Wehrle will also bring some books to the Base. The Owen Sound Library has agreed to the same contract as the previous one, a two-year contract at 4%. The Inter-Library Loans will have the same lower rate as before. Amy also submitted a current list of 2026 FOML sponsorships.	Approved	
5. Standing Items			
5a. Net Shed	Chris reported that the Net Shed is having a fantastic season, and has received 13 boxes of books.		
5b. Membership	Karen reported a total of 48 memberships to date, with 7 new		

	members.		
5c. Concert Series	Paul reported that Amanda Dorey is confirmed. The Brown Family will perform on Sept. 13, and Leslie will introduce them.		
5d. Website	Robert reported that website activity is quiet, except for venue changes.		
5e. Newsletter	Chris F. reported that the newsletter will be available at the Net Shed for handing out.		
6. Business Arising			
6a. Insurance Payment	Jim reported that this year's Insurance payment is $1,904, compared to last year's at $1,849. The payment was approved by all. 1. Jim 2. Paul	Approved	
6b. Hot Spot Payment	Leslie reported that a formal vote was required to purchase the new devices. 1. Robert 2. Karen	Approved	
6c. Beautiful Joe Festival	Jim reported that Pat and some volunteers will be there. Amy will organize the Library pop-up tents in case of inclement weather (heat, rain, etc.)		
6d. New Picnic Table	Leslie reported that the new table has arrived and the worst one was taken away.		
6e. New Net Shed Cards	Karen has received the new cards from Paul.		
7. New Business			
7a. Volunteer Appreciation Lunch	The Lunch will be on Sept. 24, hosted again by Francis.		
7b. Bill Monahan and Concert Conflict	Paul reported that, due to an error, two performers were booked on the same day. The first performer was confirmed, and Bill Monahan was cancelled.		

	Bill was very upset. Paul then tried to cancel the first performer, who also "went off the deep end". Paul read his note resigning from FOML re: the concert management. The Board is requesting that Paul stay on. He will let us know.		
Adjournment	Adjourned by Leslie at 5:13 p.m.		

Next Meeting: September 10, 2026, 4 p.m., FOML Room, Meaford Library

Secretary: _____ President: _____