FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY EXECUTIVE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 8, 2026
FOML Room 4pm

Attendance
Leslie Ransom
Francis Richardson
Jim Brown
Robert Richardson
Karen Trusler
Chrstine Fray
Paul Wehrle

Regrets
Christine Richardson
Susanne Wussow

Guest
Amy Solecki, Community Outreach Coordinator, Meaford Public Library

1. Agenda - additions/approval (motion required)
   Moved by J. Brown
   Seconded by R. Richardson
   Passed

2. Approval of minutes of regular meeting September 17, 2026 meeting and August meeting
   a. Still awaiting the minutes from the August 13, 2026 meeting. Will be passed at the November meeting.

   Approval of regular meeting on September 17, 2026
   Moved by R. Richardson
   Seconded by K. Trusler
   Passed

3. Treasurer's Report (J. Brown) (motion required)
   J. Brown reviewed the Treasurer's report.
   Moved J. Brown
   Seconded P. Wehrle
   Passed

4. Report from the Library (A. Solecki)
   Shared report from the library including passed events and upcoming events such as Ontario Public Library Week and an update of ticket sales for the Carol Off event.

5. Standing Items
   5.1 Membership (K, Trusler)
   NA

5.2 Newsletter (C. Fray)
Moved to time capsule information

5.3 Concert Series (P. Wehrle)
Shared that he has sent the Thank You cards to this year's performers.

5.4 Net Shed (R. Richardson)
Yellow dotting has been completed. The floors under the shelves are emptied. Will need more books for the Christmas Book Flood and next season.

5.5 Website (R. Richardson)
Updating the website and archiving executive documents.

6. Business Arising

6.5 BBQ follow up (L. Ranson and C. Fray)
Successful BBQ with 20-25 participants. Thank you to the Richardsons for opening their cottage for the event.

6.6 Additional Insurance required (L. Ranson and J. Brown)
Further discussion about the insurance requirements. Intact Insurance was contacted for more information. FOML has $2 million of insurance, excluding the pavilion or as acting as hosts anywhere. The MacKays have insurance of the Net Shed, the FOML volunteers are covered under the FOML insurance. The vendors or program speakers/guests at the MPL the FOML sponsor must have their own insurance. Must have a certificate of insurance of their own or they must have it provided by the Municipality of Meaford. Must provide the certificate at leave 2 days before the event. Cannot do it on the day of the event.
Question: Can the FOML pay for the insurance of the musicians.
Action: L. Ransom will request from the insurance provider if FOML can pay for the performer's insurance.
FOML must pay additional insurance for the rental of the Rotary Pavillion. Insurance provider will report back how much additional fee must be paid on top of the $2 million. The FOML must pay the fee for the Rotary Pavillion going forward. Suggested that FOML reach out to the new council to continue to have the pavilion rental fee waived.
Action: Library events will be paid directly by the Meaford Public Library with the FOML reimbursing the cost as sponsorship rather than the invoice going directly to the FOML.
A. Solecki shared that the MPL has signed the contract with Meaford Hall for the Carol Off event.
Action: L. Ransom will request from the Municipality what the process is for acquiring the insurance for the performers.

6.7 Net Shed closing (R. Richardson)

Final clean up on October 15. Will collect the materials for the Christmas on the Bay Book Flood. Jim and Richard will take down the wee libraries.

6.8 Time Capsule (C. Fray)

Chris. F. Will send the updated newsletter to A. Solecki by October 19. R. Richardson will send a photo of the Net Shed.

7. New Business

7.1 Christmas on the Bay

Will put up the table for two weeks. Open December 3 to 17. C. Fray will make up rack cards to advertise the book sale.

Adjourned at 4:55 pm
Next Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 4:00 pm