

**FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Thursday, September 12, 2024 4 p.m.**

**FOML Meeting Room, Meaford Library**

Present: Leslie Ransom (Pres), Susanne Wusow (Sect), Chris Richardson, Robert Richardson, Francis Richardson, Karen Trusler

Regrets: Rosemary Palmer, Jim Brown, Paul Wehrle

Guests: Ashley

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	4 p.m.		
1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions	1. Susanne 2. Karen	Approved	
2. Minutes of the July 11, 2024 meeting	To be reviewed at the next meeting		
3. Treasurer's Report	Jim's report noted Total Assets of \$80,607.16. Cash on Hand is \$156.18. Total Cash is \$80,467.24, and Receivables of \$139.92. Payables were \$18,335.37. Net Assets are \$62,271.79 Total revenues were \$7,495.73, with \$5,587.27 from Net Shed sales, \$100 in donations, and memberships \$15. Concerts added \$889.46. Expenses were \$1,226.55, with \$589 for newspapers and \$575 for Event Expenses. There was a net profit of \$6,269.18 Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1. Leslie 2. Francis	Approved	
4. Report from the Library	Ashley reported that Library Week is October 1 – 4. The Marc Garneau talk has sold approximately 100 tickets. There will be radio/media ads. The cost for 150 books is \$3,000. It was suggested to purchase 200 books. Motion to purchase 200 books:		

	<p>1. Robert 2. Francis</p> <p>There will be a Win with a Library Card event at the Library – Ashley is organizing prizes.</p>	Approved	
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Net Shed	<p>Chris reported that the McKay family had raised \$304 for the Net Shed.</p> <p>Expenses incurred were \$65: \$50 to refresh the Net Shed sign, and \$14 for red dots to indicate this year's books. Red dots were used in 2020 – the old red dot books were taken to Value Village.</p> <p>Motion to reimburse:</p> <p>1. Chris 2. Francis</p> <p>The Volunteer BBQ to thank Net Shed volunteers is Tuesday, September 17.</p> <p>There are Monday and Wednesday groups who help with sorting books.</p>	Approved	
5.2 Membership	<p>Karen reported three new members. We are now up to 46 members.</p>		
5.3 Concert Series	<p>Paul was not able to attend the meeting, however reported that two concerts had to be cancelled, as there were no curtains at the Rotary pavilion. Subsequently revenues are down approximately \$1,000.</p>		
5.4 Website	<p>Robert reported things were much the same.</p>		
5.5 Newsletter Co-ordinator	<p>The new newsletter coordinator is Chris Fray.</p>		
6. Business Arising			
6.1 Feather Flag	<p>Tabled for the season.</p>		

6.2 Plaque for the McKay Family	<p>Leslie reported that it will be a shadow box filled with Net Shed curios. The plaque will have a white gold finish and read: <i>The Friends of Meaford Library recognize and appreciate the McKay family for the use of the historic Net Shed.</i></p> <p>It will be mounted in the FOML room.</p>		
6.3 Constitution & Bylaws Review	<p>Leslie reported that she and Paul had reviewed the Constitution. FOML is not incorporated. FOML is a committee/charitable organization, therefore items brought up by a guest at the AGM do not apply. However, it was determined that the Constitution should be reviewed. She and Chris Fray will review and suggest adjustments.</p>		<p>Leslie and Chris Fray to review the Constitution.</p>
6.4 Volunteer Lunch Update	<p>Leslie and Chris will purchase and organize the food, as last year. Jane Leckenby will be a volunteer lunch helper.</p>		
7 New Business			
7.1 Book Sales in The Meaford Independent	<p>Susanne suggested that the Paper+ shop carry some Net Shed books over the winter while the Net Shed is closed, as there is nowhere in Meaford to buy books.</p> <p>Agreed by those attending, as long as the books are available by donation.</p>		
7.2 Logo Review	<p>The review of the logo is deferred to October at Paul's request.</p>		
7.3 Christmas on the Bay	<p>Wrapped books will be available for COTB, as a surprise when unwrapped.</p>		

7. 4 GICs	<p>Jim emailed a suggestion that we take advantage of the current interest rates and purchase some GICs. It was determined that Jim and Leslie will purchase \$15,000 in a 100-day GIC, and \$15,000 in a 14 month GIC.</p> <p>Motion to purchase:</p> <p>1. Francis 2. Susanne</p>	Approved	Jim and Leslie to purchase GICs.
7.5 Concerts	<p>Since the Concerts at the Rotary pavilion were affected by the lack of curtains and several had to be cancelled, Leslie will coordinate with Stephen Smith, the manager of the Farmers' Market, and they write a joint letter to the Municipality pointing out that the lack of curtains has negatively impacted both groups.</p>		Lelsie and Stephen Smith to write a joint letter to the Municipality.
Adjournment	Adjourned by Leslie at 4.52 p.m.		

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 4 p.m.

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