

FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday, October 21, 2024 4 p.m.

FOML Meeting Room, Meaford Library

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

Regrets: Rosemary Palmer, Paul Wehrle

Guests: Ashley

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
Call to order	4:00 p.m.		
1. Adoption of Agenda and Additions	1. Robert 2. Karen	Approved	
2. Minutes of the July 11 and Sept. 12, 2024 meetings	July 11 approved 1/Francis 2/Robert Sept. 12 approved 1/ Jim 2/ Karen	July 11 minutes approved w/amendments Sept. 12 approved	
3. Treasurer's Report	Jim's report noted Total Assets of \$85,683.29. The bank account has \$54,483.07, and two GICs of \$15,000 each at differing redemption dates were purchased to take advantage of the current interest rate. Cash on Hand is \$999.60. Total Cash is \$85,512.67 and Receivables of \$124.60. A new line for Accrued Interest has been added for the interest from the GICs. This month Accrued Interest was \$46.02. Payables were \$18,039.37, with residuals from cheques still outstanding. Net Assets are \$67,643.92. Total revenues were \$6,166.10, with \$4,818.24 from Net Shed sales, \$500 in donations, and memberships \$5. Concerts added \$842.86. Expenses were \$1,120.67, with \$589 for newspapers and \$70 for		

	<p>Event Expenses. There was a net profit of \$5,045.43.</p> <p>Susanne handed over \$10 from Winter Net Shed donations from Paper+.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: 1. Jim 2. Susanne</p>	Approved	
4. Report from the Library	<p>Ashley reported that Ontario Public Library week is October 21–26, with various prizes, gift cards, etc. for library patrons who come in.</p> <p>The Marc Garneau talk sold 133 tickets.</p> <p>Georgian Bay Reads is at Wasaga Beach, and there will be a bus for those wishing to attend. The Meaford defender is Charlene Moody, with <i>Finding the Mother Tree</i>.</p> <p>Christmas on the Bay (COTB) is giving the Library \$500 for various things: Silent Santa, Book Flood, Santa, wrapped gently read surprise books, hot chocolate, a daily movie, crafts, a scavenger hunt in the Library, etc.</p>		
5. Standing Items			
5.1 Net Shed	<p>Chris reported that the Net Shed is closed for the season. Books are packed ready for the Book Flood, and she would like more books to restock the shelves.</p> <p>It was a fantastic year, with approximately 20-25% of patrons using Square.</p>		
5.2 Membership	Karen reported one new member.		
5.3 Concert Series	<p>Paul was not able to attend the meeting, please see his report dated Oct. 20, 2024.</p> <p>Three concerts were cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.</p>		

	<p>All performers receive Thank You notes, and all current and previous performers will receive seasonal greeting cards.</p> <p>The United Church has approached FOML to offer the church as an alternate venue if a cancellation is necessary.</p> <p>Arrangements for notification of the venue change are being worked out with 99.3 FM, as well as the FOML website.</p>		
5.4 Website	Robert will do a year-end finalization.		
5.5 Newsletter Co-ordinator	<p>Chris is working on the newsletter. She has three photos from Francis of the Volunteer BBQ.</p> <p>She now has access to cartoons, and would like to include more information about the GrandPals program.</p> <p>Chris suggested adding to the collection of items which could be borrowed. Ashley has a former colleague at the L.E. Shore library and will ask for suggestions, however she raised concerns about the lack of storage space.</p>		
6. Business Arising			
6.1 Letter to the Municipality re: curtains at the Pavilion	Leslie will follow up when the budget is finalized as the curtains require four months to make.		
6.2 GICs Purchase	Completed		
6.3 Constitution & Bylaws Review	Leslie reported it will take one whole meeting to review and make changes. The changes will be finalized at the next AGM.		
6.4 Plaque for the McKay family	Leslie reported it will be finalized this week.		

7 New Business			
7.1 Christmas on the Bay	The event is Thursday, Nov. 28 – Dec. 1. Chris, Leslie, and Laura will meet on Wed. Nov. 27 at 10 a.m. to wrap books.		
7.2 Honorarium for Norm McKay	\$100 gift card 1/ Robert 2/ Francis	Approved	
Adjournment	Adjourned by Leslie at 4:45 p.m.		

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 4 p.m.

Secretary: _____ President: _____