

# Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library

## Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2015

June's meeting occurred at 4:00 p.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Centennial library. Twelve members were present. Terry thanked the members who attended and welcomed new members. Thank you Sandy for providing refreshments' Agenda as distributed was approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$2674.52. Motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Beryl to approve the report, motion carried.

Minutes of May meeting were read. Motion was made by Peter, seconded by Sandy to approve as amended.

Budget for 2015-16 was dispersed and discussed. Motion was made by Ashlea, seconded by Maryann to approve, motion carried. Ashlea reported that we have one new member. A new brochure is being planned. We are waiting for photos of the new children's' area so they can be included. Ann also has photos from the barbecue. Ashlea and Beryl will write a letter to welcome new members.

Sobey's barbecue went well. Ashlea reported we made \$484. Volunteer Appreciation event was well attended. Thank you Terry, Maryann, Mark, Larry Graber and Ron Gray for coming and speaking to others about the good works we are doing. Terry reported a few more coloring books were sold. Larry asked about lowering the price but the artist set the price as a \$10 donation to the Friends, so we cannot change it. Ann reported that the website has been updated.

Children's play structure will officially be unveiled on June 13<sup>th</sup>. A temporary plaque will be prepared while a permanent plaque is being made. Photographer and Board's counsel will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served. Adult Literacy Council will be invited. Planning has begun for the October 17<sup>th</sup> Cupcake Celebration. Beryl and Ann will serve as co-convenors. Sandy will try to be there. Time will be from noon to 2 p.m. It was agreed that we will pass on a booth for the Friendship Festival this year.

Future fundraising was discussed. Ann is interested in information on wills and planned giving. Ron Gray was an administrator at Christ College, where it was fundraise or fail. We need to look into trying to get matching funds. We need to set up a goal for our money. Peter suggested Kick Start or Crowd Source accounts, and possibly offering the coloring books through Etsy. Taste of Fort Erie is coming up in September, and Ridgeway Street Fest. Chris suggested and Antiques Road Show type day. Amy announced the Trivia Night to be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Stevensville Hall this year.

Craig informed us that there are new charging stations in the atrium, and will be in Crystal Ridge soon. The Library Board will extend the homework help to the Crystal Ridge branch next year. Summer reading program is being planned. The Library Board will be re-examining their strategic plan.

Upcoming events include a day long presentation - The Stories Quilts Tell on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Nina Stahlschmidt received a grant from Niagara Region for the presentation at Stevensville Hall. Ken Burden suggested to Ann that we should see about getting a Trillium grant. Beryl brought up reconciliation. Niagara on the Lake has a special library section for aboriginal collections and information.

Motion to adjourn was made by Maryann, seconded by Sandy, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Madden