

Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2015

November's meeting occurred at 4:00 p.m. on the 10th at the Centennial library. Ann welcomed the eleven members who were present. Agenda as distributed was approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$2776.20. Motion was made by Peter and seconded by Beryl to approve the report, motion carried. We received a form from Revenue Canada approving our tax form. Minutes of October meeting were read. Motion was made by Lou, seconded by Terry to approve as amended. All in favor, motion carried. We now have 34 memberships covering 55 people.

Craig reported that the Library's strategic plan was being amended. He thanked us for sending a delegation to the last Library Board meeting. At least two of the board members will be attending the January dinner meeting. The children's librarian position is still vacant. Five candidates were interviewed, all five received other positions. The posting will be open until the job is filled. Furniture in the front of Centennial will be changed. Library was represented at the last Town Council meeting and were well received. Budget for 2016 is being prepared. It must be kept to a 2% or less increase. Focus groups have been done in the past. The Board would like to have one with Friends. It should be approximately one hour on December first at 11:00 a.m.

Craig was asked to prepare a wish list for new capital projects to possibly be funded by the Friends. He distributed some new seating options for the teen area. Peter presented information on a Strategic Planning Initiative for Library Advocacy. Craig will make a presentation at a future meeting. One thing mentioned was that the library needed a brochure detailing all that it offers to the public.

Pasta Dinner will be on Thursday January 7th. Beryl will again be the coordinator. She will distribute tickets as soon as she receives them, and will need helpers for that night. December 8th will be a working meeting to pack mittens and books for the Community Outreach Program Erie holiday baskets. The January meeting will be followed by a social at the Barrel Restaurant. The staff and the Board will be invited. Motion to adjourn was made by Peter, seconded by Lou, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Madden