

Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2016

February's meeting occurred at 4:00 p.m. on the 9th at the Centennial Branch. Twelve members were present. Agenda as distributed was approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$4426.20. Motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Beryl to approve the report, motion carried. Minutes of January meeting were read. Motion was made by Lou, seconded by Amy to approve as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

Craig reported that the budget presentation to council went well. There were several questions regarding the surplus and praise for doing such a good job. Council voted a 0% increase for the library budget for 2016. He has four candidates interested in the children's librarian position and is hoping to make an offer within the next two weeks. Great programs are planned for the March break. Check the brochure for details at all branches. Sue Jovanovich has been named as the board's new liaison to the Friends. The board is reexamining the strategic plan and are interviewing people around the town.

Friends discussed the items on the donation wish list. Amy explained how author visits work. The library never gets the full amount they request. They share with Pelham to cut costs. Authors have to be booked before a grant is submitted to pay them. Generally six authors are booked each year. Motion was made by Ann and seconded by Chris to donate \$4,000 to the library for the support of author visits. All in favor, motion carried. Motion was made by Beryl and seconded by Terry to table further discussion.

Ann presented our 2016 budget. Motion was made by Beryl and seconded by Amy to accept; all in favor, motion carried. Work continues on the RTO grant application. Sandy Mc Dermott continues to work with Ann, Terry and Craig on the request to fund a reading area at the Crystal Ridge arena. It will be called "Rinkside Reading". Friends now have a facebook page. It is linked to the library's page.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Madden