

Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016

April's meeting occurred at 4:00 p.m. on the 12th at the Centennial Branch. Fourteen members were present. Agenda as amended was approved. Treasurer reported a balance of \$528.08. Motion was made by Amy and seconded by Beryl to approve the report, motion carried. Minutes of March meeting were read. Motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Terry to approve. All in favor, motion carried.

Craig reported that since January first, the library has had 240 new card holders sign up. He introduced us to Karissa Alcox, the new Children and Teen librarian. The March Break activities saw 780 participants. The audio-visual system in the auditorium room has been upgraded. Craig thanked John McLaughlin, who did the installation. The new strategic plan will be presented to the Library Board at their next meeting. Amy and Craig shared the details of the Homebound Delivery Service and let us know they are looking for volunteers.

Maryann reported that two coloring books were sold. Our tax return has been done. Ann thanked Bonnie Robinson for her assistance. We were represented at the Senior Services Expo. Ann thanked Amy and Flo for materials; Terry and Ron also joined Ann for the afternoon. Approximately 100 seniors came for lunch, and about 25 stopped at the Friends table. The St. Patrick's Celebration at Stevensville was another success, a great evening and a good size crowd. Chris and Terry represented us. And a big hurray – our check from the Walmart barbecue has finally arrived! Maryann will take the \$1,050 check to immediately deposit!

Fund raising efforts were discussed. Susan went into detail about how the escape rooms are run. A decision has been tabled until May. Ann reported that elections are due for the positions of vice president, secretary/treasurer, and executive at large. Ashley will not be running for re-election. She now works in Niagara on the Lake and cannot make meetings. Beryl and Maryann are willing to stand. Ann stated that Sobey's gave us June 11th for a barbecue. Amy will be sure to promote this in the newsletter and the newspaper column she writes. Ashley made us a poster last year, we can reuse it with the new date. On May 9th there will be an author visit at Crystal Ridge. Ann will use that opportunity to formally present the library with a check for our donation.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. It will be our Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers. Those who wish are invited to the Barrel afterwards for supper.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Madden