

Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2016

May's meeting occurred at 4:00 p.m. on the 12th at the Centennial Branch. Fifteen members were present. Agenda as distributed was approved. Ann distributed the annual President's report. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Sandy seconded by Flo to approve, motion carried. Maryann reported a balance of \$1602.08, and distributed the Treasurer's report for year ending December 31, 2015. Motion was made by Amy and seconded by Lou to approve the report, motion carried.

Election of Officers was opened by Ann. All offices were unopposed. Terry will remain Vice President, Maryann Secretary/Treasurer, Beryl will be joined by Flo as Executive. Votes were unanimous.

Minutes of April meeting were read. Motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Beryl to approve. All in favor, motion carried. Maryann reported one new membership – welcome to Marilyn.

Craig reported that the library has received new photocopiers and printers, and through a grant, robotic toys, and a button maker. 60 attended the Star Wars Party. Since January 1, 83% of materials borrowed are actual physical books, DVDs, magazines, etc, and 17% are electronic versions, like ebooks, zinio magazines, HOOPLA videos. He then went on to explain the building issues. Friday afternoon, hot spots were found in the floor of the community room. A heated floor that was to have been removed in past construction became live again and had to be removed. This entailed turning off power, removing floor, replacing corroded wires and pipes, and renting a generator. Everything should be repaired with a week.

A formal check presentation for author visits was held on May 9th. Children's author Deborah Ellis was there to meet a group of school children. Thanks to Susan, Flo, Lou and Marilyn for attending with Ann. She also reported our Facebook page had 50 likes.

June 11th will be our Sobey's barbecue. Amy has placed promotions in the library newsletter and the newspaper column she writes. Posters are being distributed all around town. Terry is the convener and finalized details at this meeting. There will be about 10-12 of us throughout the day.

On June 1st the J Singers will entertain at Stevensville Hall. Volunteers are needed to set up chairs at 12:30, and to help with refreshments at 1:00. We will have a table at the Bridgeburg Market on June 21st. Ann is looking for company that day. We will also have a membership table at the library How-To day on October 1st, and a cupcake decorating station as well. Friends will also be able to help with crowd control.

Ann has researched buying a vinyl pop-up banner and stand. Motion was made by John and seconded by Amy to purchase one at approximately \$300. Motion carried. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Madden