

Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016

October's meeting occurred at 4:00 p.m. on the 11th at the Centennial Branch. Eleven members were present. Agenda as distributed was approved. Maryann reported a balance of \$2838.88. Minutes of September meeting were read. Motion was made by Terry, seconded by Amy to approve both reports. All in favor, motion carried. Maryann reported 39 memberships, 13 have paid membership for this year. Ann reported that the FOCAL has a special resolution coming up to dissolve and need a member from each member group to vote. Motion was made by Sandy and seconded Terry that Friends of Fort Erie agrees to dissolve FOCAL. All in favor. Maryann will vote for our group.

Craig reported that Homework Help has begun in two branches. Letters were sent to several thousand homes, and several students are coming each day. In honor of National Library Month, the Board will make a presentation of activities to Town Council on the 24th. Friends have volunteered to distribute Library newsletters to various locations around the town. Trivia night is coming up on the 20th. Three new programs are coming up, one in each branch. Story Makers at Centennial is creative writing. Lego Gym is at Crystal Ridge and Stuffy Sleepovers at Stevensville. Book sale table needs volunteers to take care of it about one hour every two weeks. Sean Fleming will train volunteers interested.

Amy reported that the How To Festival was a great success; over 300 people came through the doors that day. Eleven Friends covered parking, hosting at the door, a membership table, a craft table and the barbecue. Our facebook page has 58 followers. Ann has sent a letter to the Italo Canadian Hall for a pasta dinner date. We should know before the next meeting.

Ann again made contact with the Town's Senior Advisory Committee. She would like to have a Friends table at their events. No one has gotten back to her. At the November Chapter meeting of the RTO an announcement will be made regarding grant approvals. Stay tuned. Sue is supposed to be in charge of a water station for the International Marathon on October 30th but the new organizers have not contacted her with any information. She will send them another email withdrawing our offer to run a water station.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8th, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Madden