

## Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library

Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2017

February's meeting occurred at 4:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Centennial Branch. Sixteen members were present. We welcomed new member Denise Hoskins. Agenda as distributed was approved. Maryann reported a balance of \$7630.88, and presented the Treasurer's report for fiscal year 2016. Motion was made by Amy, seconded by Sandy to approve both reports. All in favor, motion carried. There were no minutes for the January meeting, as it was suspended due to circumstances. Maryann reported 39 memberships, 27 have paid membership for this year.

Craig presented a wish list for library capital fund projects that may be funded by the Friends. Chris asked about a project targeting persons with special needs. Amy noted she has done that in the past, and could do it again. Discussion followed. Progress update for Rinkside Reading was next. We are waiting for a large book display shelf to be delivered, the majority of items have been received and a grand opening is being planned for March. Craig reported that 1940 ebooks were circulated in January, which was 12% of circulation. Amy thanked us for helping to sort and pack the items from the mitten tree that went to COPE and the Salvation Army. Craig then presented an overview of the FEPL strategic plan. Copy is attached.

Pasta Night was another success. We received \$1008 from the Italo Canadian Club. Beryl thanked everyone who sold or bought tickets, and especially those who volunteered that night. Hot chocolate for the Santa Claus Parade went smoothly, thank you to Chris, Lou and Terry. Distribution by Friends of the library newsletter is working out well. Marilyn and Ann are doing a fine job with the Book Sale table. Friends' facebook page had 171 views last week.

Ann presented her budget proposal for 2017. After discussion, motion was made by Beryl seconded by Marilyn. All approved. Seniors Expo and lunch will be Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed. Our membership brochure has been updated. The Canada Post Community Foundation grant was discussed. Their prime direction is children's literacy projects. Ann and Sue will get more information.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Madden