

Friends of the Muskoka Lakes Library



Meeting of February 18, 2010

Meeting was called to order.

Members present

Shirley Gordon, Isabel, Helberg, Diane McKee, Brian Racine, Marilyn Weber, Brad Johnston, Betty Glen, Nancy Thompson.

- Minutes of February 2 meeting were read
- A motion was made by Shirley Gordon and seconded by Diane McKee that the minutes be accepted as read. Carried

Old Business

- Lorna was on vacation so was not available to discuss the children's program.
- Isabel and Betty will look into auditing of books
- Younger members contacted were not available to attend meetings, others will be contacted

New Business

Membership Fees

- There is a membership Fee of \$10 /year or lifetime membership of \$100
- There is some discrepancy on lists of lifetime members. Life time list will be kept up to date from now on.
- Cheques for membership are to made out to Friends of MLTL

Discussion of purpose and ideas for direction of this committee.

- E-mails from Donna Crowder and Lorna were read.
- We have approximately \$5000 on hand. this must be spent as we are a non-profit organization. We cannot give money directly to the Library. It must be spent on programs or equipment
- Isabel suggested book sales to be held outside the IGA and other venues throughout the area.
 - Betty- there are books for sale at the library and these funds go directly to library budget
 - Where would we get books to sell?

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- Betty listed the types of programs which generated large draws -Nature themes, children's authors at an average cost of \$400. For these the Community Centre must be rented at a cost.
- It was decided that this year we should focus on promoting the Library and it;s services rather than fund raising. Fund raising can be left for 2011
 - Lorna would like to see Friends do two Programs this season- one in July and one in August
 - Friends also asked for a wish list for equipment.

Brainstorming

ideas for Programs

- Ministry of Natural Resources - Nature Detectives
 - Science North Programs - Marilyn will contact and report
 - Native Culture - Brian will contact the Reserve Centre in Whata.
 - Dance, story telling, drumming, art, native plants interdependence with nature etc
 - Elke Sommer does children's art programs Brian will contact her
 - Should include adult and children
 - Shirley suggested that there could be programs concerning
 - plants native to the area- contacts Cathy Woods, Sue and Robert Allen
 - mushrooms
 - organic gardening
 - Art Displays by local artists - Shirley will look into this
 - Ducks Unlimited has programs available
- It was suggested that Native Culture be a Theme for this Summer with emphasis on the Promotion of the Library

Ideas for Equipment

New Technology

- Computer dedicated to downloading e-books (Overdrive)
 - Kindle and i-pad
 - Shirley will contact RIM to see if they have anything available on a trial basis
- The Library needs information for programs by the first week in June in order to publish it in the Newsletter
- Members will e-mail the results of there investigations to the membership.

Meeting was adjourned