

Friends of the Muskoka Lakes Library



Meeting of November 18 , 2010

Meeting was called to order.

Members present

Shirley Gordon, Isabel Helberg, Marilyn Weber, Barb Neibert, Donna Crowder, Brad Johnston

Secretaries Report

Minutes of meeting September 16, 2010 were accepted as amended.

Treasurers Report

We have to spend an additional \$500 in order to meet income tax requirements.

isabel reported on CAD and GIC earnings and presented other options.

- a) Daily Interest Account at .05% interest
- b) 18 month GIC 1.85% interest
- c) 26 month GIC 2.15% interest

Discussion

Expenditures

- 1) Brad suggested opening an ING account for larger sums with a minimum left in the Scotia Bank account in order to receive a higher rate of interest. The banking can be done via e-mail . Isabel will look into this.
- 2) It was suggested that we purchase colour printers for each library (consideration should be given as to the cost of replacement cartridges). Sheila is looking into the computers best suited to library needs. Brad suggested that the library should let this need be known to the township. Could this be part of their IT budget?
- 3) The Library needs MiroSoft Works Education Edition.
- 4) The need for coasters on bookshelves was revisited. It is felt that the shelves are too heavy to move even with coasters.

Increase in Membership

- a) A handout to go into books as they are borrowed - Marilyn will design this.
- b) Send out a mass e-mail to card holders describing "Friends" and asking for new members.
- c) Brad moved that we waive the membership fee for 2011. Isabel seconded. Motion Carried
- d) A membership Card will be designed with the theme "Be a Part of History"

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Program Suggestions

Adult

- a) Using Nature for Food - Mushrooms, Edible Plants
- b) Savour - host programs in Library
- c) Pricilla Yellowhead Toby - Walking Stick, Drum Making (\$125) Marilyn will inquire about availability

Children

- a) Continue with the native theme started this year - marilyn will contact Shirley or Silvia
- b) Local Wildlife - Department of Natural Resources (Snakes to be held in tent in parking lot)

!0th Anniversary of the New Library (The Library is 120 Years Old)

Theme: "The/Our Tradition Continues 1887- 2011"

Date: August 18 - 20

Suggestions

- a) Tent in front of the Library with display of Wildlife.
- b) Fun Day - Old and new games and races
- c) BBQ - First Nations - Singing Birds, Native Dancers, Drumming - Marilyn
- d) Local Artists
- e) Trains Through History - Donna from Steam Engines to present
Thomas the Train display in Library
- f) Lego Contest
- g) Dollhouse workshop using nature (Fairy House)
- h) Square Dancing - Zumba
- i) Sidewalk Art
- j) Road Hockey

We will need to approach local merchants for prizes.

Next Meeting : Thursday January 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm