

Minutes of qathet Friends of the Library Board Meeting
January 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Room A – Powell River Public Library

Attendees: Jacquie Donaldson, Maureen Tierney, Julie Thorne, Joyce Furness, Lynda Harris, PR Brown, Jose Rodgers

Chair: Jacquie. Warm welcome to Jose Rodgers.

1. Adoption of minutes from previous board meeting December 12. Moved by Julie seconded by Brownie. Carried.
2. Treasurer's Report
See Attached. Action: Julie will transfer \$2500 from the Chequing account to the Power Saver account where it can earn interest.
3. Correspondence
FotL received an Inquiry from Work BC re FotL volunteer opportunities for a client. Action: Lynda to draft a reply and send to board members for edits.
4. Update on Report to Societies Act
Confirmation of the last 2 submissions has yet to arrive. Submissions included the Annual Report, change in directors, bylaw changes and an edit to replace Powell River with qathet on the Constitution page. Action: Maureen will confirm payment amounts with Julie.
5. About Jose Rodgers and the Book Cube
Brownie is thrilled that Jose has stepped up to cover the book cube while she is away between January 25th and the first or second week in March. Jose volunteered at a bookstore in Mexico for 15 years. Funds went toward providing scholarships to students in the town. She is excited to have the opportunity to be more involved with FotL and the book cube in particular. If for any reason Jose is not available, Ann has offered to cover the book cube duties. Brownie and Jose have discussed sharing the job when Brownie returns.
6. Update on calendars.
About 46 calendars have been sold this year. Action: Brownie to send a thank you to Mark on behalf of FotL.

7. Book Redistribution & Recycling.

a. Little Libraries.

Brownie has asked the Literacy Outreach Coordinator for clarification about the Hive LLs, also the former United Way Kids free book boxes.

Maureen suggested themed little libraries eg Springtime Nurseries/gardening club could have the gardening books, Restaurants could have cookbooks. If new boxes need to be built, business owner(s) might build these.

Action: Maureen will ask the owner of Springtime Nursery if he would support having a little library there.

Action: Brownie will complete a list of all LLs in the region (agency and private).

b. Groups: No report this month from Better World Books.

Action: Brownie will complete a list of all other groups that we distribute books to.

8. Fundraising and promotional ideas

a. Maureen - FotL should contact Becky to see what the library needs, what the costs would be and then discuss what to fund.

b. Jacquie - make/purchase cloth book covers that fit trade-sized books.

c. Jose - Grow it and Cook it book sale in the spring.

d. Brownie - brainstorm how to repurpose books that are out of the reading stream - make pulp for paper, strip the hardback covers to make canvases. A successful idea could become a fundraiser.

e. Maureen - Scrabble Tournament

f. Brownie – spelling bee

8. Cognitive Care Kits. Other libraries in the province offer these kits. FotL may be able to fund these but there may be grants available from the BC Alzheimer's Society. Action: Maureen will investigate the grant application process.

10. Newsletter to Members

Action: Maureen to draft a newsletter. Items to include: new year wishes, reminder to renew membership, 10% off at next book sale, what programs we're looking at funding, little libraries etc.

11. Honorary Awards for Ann and David and retirement letter to Alison.

Action: Brownie to send an appreciation letter to Alison.

Action: Brownie to follow up re a gift of Lifetime Memberships in FotL to David Parkinson and Ann Trousdell in recognition of their many years of dedication as Board members of FotL.

12. Update on access to files - Lynda

Board members now have a list of what is in the FotL google drive. Lynda suggests that access to files be on an as per request basis.

13. Other:

The bench in front of the library is in bad shape. Action: Brownie will ask Becky who oversees maintenance of the bench and may suggest that FotL pay for it to be repainted/restained possibly in rainbow colours.

Note: Watch for the February issue of qLiving. FotL will be part of their feature 'Heart of qathet'.

14. Next donation day. Monday, Jan 23rd from 3 - 5 pm

15. Next meeting Wednesday, February 15 at 11 a.m.

Meeting adjourned: 12:15 pm.

Minutes: Lynda Harris