

Warton Friends of the Library

AGM

14 June 2019

Chair's Remarks

Agenda - approval

Minutes of the last AGM. 8 June 2018

Reports	Chair
	Treasurer
	Library Supervisor

New Business

Adjournment

WIARTON FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – JUNE 8, 2018

PRESENT: Fred Clarkson, Leigh Grigg, Monika Mesco, Dorothy Shaw, Jacqui Gardiner, Catherine Felkar, Clare Drury, Bill Hofer, Patti Roberts, Sheila Gatis, Sue Hoffman.

REGRETS: Norma Piggott, Kristina Porr.

Chair Sue Hoffman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AGENDA: Dorothy moved acceptance of the Agenda, seconded by Fred. Carried

MINUTES OF THE AGM OF JUNE 9, 2017: Fred moved acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Sheila. Carried.

REPORTS:

CHAIR: In her report, Sue Hoffman noted the challenges being experienced by the group due to the lack of new members and in particular, members to take Executive positions. In view of this it had been proposed by members of the Executive to reduce the number of meetings and to limit events requiring volunteers to the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Books for Christmas Hampers and the Canada Day Book Sale. Members had subsequently approved this change.

The Wiarton FOL will continue to fund the \$200. award for Creative Writing at the local High School in the name of Bonnie Jacob, to honour the many contributions Bonnie made to the Wiarton FOL.

The major fund-raising event is the annual Canada Day Book Sale. Last year it was decided to ask for donations in lieu of a sale price and this resulted in the most successful sale ever with a profit of \$2,799.11, Purchase by donation will continue in 2018.

At Christmas 2017 the Friends once again donated children's books to the Christmas Hamper campaign organized by the Salvation Army. 225 books were collected and wrapped by members. Sue thanked Clare Drury and Norma Piggott for their leadership; Mary Wilson, Shirley Bruer and Scholastics for their donations and Melanie Hepburn who stepped in to provide extra books .

The WFOL purchased new computer chairs and a shelving unit for the storage room in the library. The art boards also were repainted by the town . Special thanks went to Michael and

Norma Piggott for their ongoing support for the Art in the Library program and to Jessica Mole and Leigh Grigg for their assistance with the program.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bill Hofer reported Revenue for the year of \$4,373.13 which included \$2,940.41 from the Book Sale; Donations of \$1,121.10; and Memberships of \$270.00 Expenses amounted to \$3,106.75 and included Library purchases of \$2,116.51; Library programs including the Christmas Hampers, Easter Egg Hunt and the Creative Writing Award of \$756.65; plus incidentals. Net Income for the year was \$1,266.38. Bill moved acceptance of his report, seconded by Sheila. Carried.

LIBRARY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: In Kristina Porr's absence her report was read by Sue Hoffman. Kristina thanked the Friends for their continued support of Library projects and the financing of the computer chairs and shelving, amongst other items. Members' participation in the movie afternoons, Christmas hampers, the Easter Egg Hunt and the art program is very much appreciated. Kristina thanked members for their time, energy and support.

ELECTIONS FOR 2018 – 2020.

Nominations were received for the following positions :

Sue Hoffman – Chair; Bill Hofer – Treasurer; Clare Drury - Secretary.
There was no nomination for the ViceChair.

There being no other nominations, Secretary Patti Roberts moved confirmation of these positions, seconded by Fred. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Sue Hoffman again expressed her concern regarding the lack of active members and in particular the need for new members of the Executive. She cautioned that the organization was at a critical stage and could not continue beyond the next two years without the support of new members.

ADJOURNMENT: Fred Moved adjournment at 10:20 a.m., seconded by Jacqui. Carried.

Report from the Chair - Sue Hoffman

2018 was another year of changes and challenges for the Warton FOL. Membership numbers declined throughout the year, and attracting new members has been difficult.

In September the FOL held a reception to say goodbye to long-time member Patti Roberts. She and her husband Ken moved away to be closer to family. Patti held various executive positions over the years and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Warton library. In December our treasurer Bill Hofer passed away unexpectedly - he volunteered as treasurer for 10 years. Bill's dedication to the Warton FOL and his accounting skills served our group! Thank you to Leigh Grigg for taking over as treasurer.

The major fundraising effort continues to be the annual Canada Day book sale. Thanks to many dedicated volunteers, we raised \$2,867.60.

These funds were used to purchase Library supplies for the Warton branch. One major project was getting new upholstery for the Book Nook in the Children's area.

The Warton FOL continued to support Library programs such as the Easter Egg hunt. Reluctantly we decided to end the donation of childrens books to the Salvation Army Christmas hampers. Instead, Kristina Akerman, the Branch Supervisor, suggested we donate a new book to each child attending the pre-kindergarten registration held during November. 22 children received a new book during the registration event.

The annual Bonnie Jacob Memorial Bursary for Creative Writing (\$200) was awarded to Meghan Grundmann.

The FOL continues to be grateful to Michael and Norma Piggott for their ongoing efforts for the Art in the Library program. The rotating art exhibits are

appreciated by library patrons and visitors. Michael's articles which are published in the Warton Echo are very informative and give local artists much needed support. Additional thanks to Leigh Grigg and Jessica Mole for their assistance with the installation of art pieces.

As mentioned, this past year was challenging for the Warton FOL. a reduced membership and a lack of new executive members will determine the future of the group in 2019.

Warton Friends of the Library Income Statement For Period Covering 01/06/2018 to 31/05/2019

Revenues

Income

Book Sales C\$2,867.60

Donations

General C\$388.00

In Memorandum C\$220.00

Movies C\$56.85

Interest Income C\$20.19

Memberships

Active Memberships C\$190.00

Associate Memberships C\$20.00

Total Revenue

C\$3,762.64

Expenses

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Books C\$29.49

Event Expenses C\$399.08

Miscellaneous -C\$0.08

Misc Library Inventory C\$438.07

Office Supplies C\$664.89

Repair and Maintenance C\$1,218.14

Scholarship C\$200.00

Total Expenses

C\$2,949.59

Net income for Period

C\$813.05

Warton Friends of the Library Balance Sheet 31/05/2019

Assets

Assets

Current Assets

Petty Cash C\$133.55

Checking Account C\$7,784.71

Savings Account C\$7.49

Total Assets C\$7,925.75

Liabilities

Total Liabilities C\$0.00

Equity

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Opening Balances C\$7,112.70

Retained Earnings C\$813.05

Total Equity C\$7,925.75

Total Liabilities & Equity C\$7,925.75

Report from Temporary Lead Branch Supervisor: Heather McCarron

I joined the Warton Branch on March 18, 2019 as the Temporary Lead Branch Supervisor covering for Kristina Ackerman's maternity leave.

I was not able to report on 2018 for obvious reasons. I did want to share some on the new activities/changes that the Warton Branch will be introducing.

Bruce County Public Library will no longer be charging for Public Internet use. This will allow all members of the public to have equal access to a computer.

Warton Branch is a validation location for the 2019 Adventure Passport event. The public will be able to turn in their completed passports and pick up their 2019 T-shirt at the library.

All library branches are working on tidying and downsizing the number of posters and signage at each of branch. Signage will be uniform at all branches and posters will be refreshed/rotated on a regular basis.

Summer brochures will be created this summer to announce programming at the branches. The brochures will be uniform in design but will promote the programs of each branch. A special events poster is being created to announce the larger summer events at various branches.

Bruce County Public Library is selling book bags to help raise money for the future Bookmobile. The cost of the bags is \$20.00.

I look forward to working with the Warton Friends of the Library throughout 2019.