

**Friends of Antigonish Library  
(FoAL)**

**April 27, 2005  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:** Brenda McKenna, Bruce MacLean, Margaret Duncan, Anne Beck, Alice Hoskins, Debbie Murphy, Denise Samson, Pat Cameron, Mary MacLellan, Peggy Hiscock, Melanie Pauls, Lorraine Fennell.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion: to approve agenda as presented**

Proposed: Denise Samson

Seconded: Anne Beck

2. **Approval of March 30 minutes**

**Motion: to approve March 30 minutes**

Proposed: Anne Beck

Seconded: Debbie Murphy

3. **Unfinished Business**

*3.1 Loblaws Atlantic Property Management*

Peggy was unable to contact personally with Ben Milosevski, there is nothing to report at this time.

*3.2 Registered Society*

Peggy reported to the meeting that all papers have been received by Revenue Canada and have been filed but there is no number as of yet. Pictou Antigonish Regional Library has registered society status, and Peggy offered the use of a receipt book so that FoAL can issue receipts until a number is generated for the group.

*3.3 Advocacy Training*

Peggy informed the group that Gary Archibald would be offering advocacy training on May 7, 2005 from 10am to 3pm to the FoAL. The venue is not yet known, but Peggy is going to request use of the Town chambers. Peggy will be placing an email on the listserv with all details in the near future.

#### 4. **New Business**

##### *4.1 Treasurers briefing*

The bank account is in the process of being opened, once Eric signs the papers Brenda will be opening the account. Peggy informed Brenda that as soon as it is opened, she would issue a cheque to the FoAL for the seed money that is available.

##### *4.2 Committees briefing*

The building committee chair Martin MacDonald submitted a written report (Appendix A) to the FoAL, Marg Duncan read the report to the group.

Fundraising committee member Anne Beck reported on the funding conference she as well as Peggy Hiscock attended. She found it to be very informative and received a tremendous amount of information. Anne Camozzi has joined the Fundraising committee, but Anne Beck reported that more members are needed. It would be preferable to have someone either in the business community or someone familiar with business community members. It was suggested that the committee request more members on the FoAL listserv, Anne Beck said she would email the request as soon as possible.

##### *4.3 Report on town and county council meetings*

The presentations were given as an introduction to FoAL to both councils. Bruce MacLean heard from some members of both councils and it was received positively. Two radio stations covered both meetings as well as The Casket. Mary MacLellan reported that it was well done and well received.

##### *4.4 FoAL as a concept and a reality*

Bruce MacLean went over the diagram he presented to both councils (Appendix B). He felt it quite important that the whole group have a general knowledge of the FoAL so that if anyone in the community asks them, they will be able to explain. The diagram shows how different organizations overlap and can assist one another, for example when ACALA needs to put on a course and requires several computers, they can use the CAP site.

#### 5. **Good of the order**

Bruce MacLean mentioned that other committees do not meet in the summer months. He wanted to know if the FoAL would prefer not to meet during this time as well.

**Motion: FoAL will not meet during July and August, but will have a meeting in early September with the option to hold a meeting during July and August if necessary.**

Proposed: Anne Beck

Seconded: Brenda McKenna

The River John Friends of the Library has a membership policy where there is a fee to join the group, each member receives a membership card, attend the annual general meeting as well as regular meetings if they wish and is considered a support group. A smaller core group is the actual steering committee and determines the quorum for regular committee meetings.

It was suggested that the Friends of the Antigonish Library adopt this type of committee.

Another committee was formed called the new member committee whose main purpose will be to enlist new members for the Friends of the Antigonish Library. This committee will consist of Sue Adams and Brenda McKenna. The suggested logo for the Friends of the Antigonish Library is “A learning community”.

**Motion: Adopt the logo FoAL a Learning Community.**

Proposed: Debbie Murphy

Seconded: Denise Samson

Motion passed.

Mary MacLellan brought up the matter of the listserv and how private emails were being circulated. Bruce MacLean reminded the members that the listserv should be used solely for pertinent information regarding FoAL matters. Melanie will send out all email addresses of the committee members on the listserv so that members can email one another.

## 6. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm (Brenda McKenna)