

Friends of the Antigonish Library
Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2008

Present: Brenda McKenna, Sue Adams, Anne Beck, Bernard Liengme, Pauline Liengme, Denise Samson, Lisa Mateas, Pat McCormick, Catherine Irving, Oona Landry. Cllrs. Sean Cameron and Mary MacLellan in attendance.

Regrets: Pam MacLean, Kathleen Gerrard and Eric Stackhouse.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Brenda asked for someone to chair the meeting in February as she will be unable to attend due to a vacation trip.
3. The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and approved.
4. Welcome to new boardmember Pat McCormick! She's lived in Antigonish for 15 years and is the retired director of the Antigonish Playschool. Her new workload: Two kids, two cats and a BIG Boxer/Lab puppy!
5. Treasurer's report: Anne reported that we collected another \$36 in membership fees. FOAL received a \$200 grant from the town which has been earmarked for publicity. \$258.25 entrance fees collected at the Trivia Quiz. We are expecting an invoice from the audio books and DVDs purchased. We have \$3107.04 in the treasury now, with approximately \$700 - \$800 in outstanding invoices.
6. The Nova Scotia Power Grant application was also discussed. It is an all-year matching grant with four dates for application during the year; next one is March 31st. We are holding back until we have a large fundraising effort to maximize the match potential as we can only apply once per calendar year.
7. Trivia Quiz: January event took place at the County Fire Hall. Oodles of parking, but attendance was down a little. Attendees loved the different venue but comments about the echoes, the frigid concrete floors and the resulting cold feet were noted. Positive feedback on including the county in library outreach -- it was good to take the show on the road. Excellent prizes (three different), new winners (The Cabers, The Bookworms, and The Stempels), and new faces contributed to a terrific afternoon. The quiz will return to the St. James Church for the April 27th event at 7pm.
8. Old Business:
 - a) Governor General's short list of book; was it purchased? Yes, and we will be receiving the bill.
 - b) FOAL Book Club. Tabled for the moment, awaiting Pauline and Anne's input.
 - c) Need a new Chair for the Publicity Committee. Acting Chair Denise offered a heartfelt and persuasive plea for a volunteer to step in with these duties, which involve getting the word out before events,

i.e. sending in announcement to publications and media outlets. And best of all, all you have to say is “Put it on the account!” when you submit it. Sue and Lisa caved in nearly simultaneously, and it was decided that Sue would Chair and Pat and Lisa would assist, and of course work with Pauline and Bernard on the Trivia publicity. Sue emphasized “until the next AGM” at the time of her acceptance of this duty.

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New Business

a) The Search for a New Building Update: Sean Cameron and Mary MacLellan reported that the town and the county are actively working together at this time on this very important issue.

c) Time of meetings: We will add the 7pm meeting start time to the agenda when it is circulated.

d) Brenda announced sadly that Eric Stackhouse’s father had passed away and she would send a sympathy card on behalf of FOAL. She also mentioned that FOAL received a nice card of thanks from the Antigonish Film Festival for the ad that we placed in their program. Positive feedback from FOAL members who attended the festival, too.

e) Once again, Brenda tantalized us with news of her upcoming vacation in Tobago as she reiterated the need for someone to chair the next meeting. Pauline took the bait and will head the Wednesday, February 27th meeting which begins at 7pm.

f) The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.