

Friends of the Antigonish Library  
Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2009

Present: FoAL Board: Brenda McKenna, Anne Beck, Pauline Liengme, Bernard Liengme, Denise Samson, Pam MacLean, Lisa Mateas, Catherine Irving, Pat McCormick, Barb Phillips, Oona Landry, Elizabeth Leighton, Councillor Sean Cameron.  
PARL staff: Eric Stackhouse, Melanie Pauls,

Regrets: Conrad Poirier, Councillor Mary MacLellan, Denise Sampson

1. The meeting was called to order at 7.00 pm.
2. The agenda for the meeting was approved as amended with additions.
3. The minutes of the January meeting were approved and adopted.

4. Reports:

Treasurer: Anne reported that we had no expenses this period and income from 2 new memberships and a payment from the Town in support of two Trivia Quiz events. We now have a balance of \$5738.68. Her full report is attached.

Fundraising: Pauline has created a sample leaflet for distribution at upcoming public meetings re: the new library which Eric relates will start within a month or so, hopefully. Discussion about what is our ongoing role – to support new library -- and we need more members. Ideas for more events: Singalong with “Mamma Mia” at Capitol Theatre, Wheel of Fortune night. FoAL needs to be known for fun events. Buttons have been ordered, cheap pens another possibility. A motion was passed to investigate going ahead to making FoAL Book Bags, using FoAL logo done by Ruth Young. Ross Screenprint does the bags, B/W logo. Budget approved for bags at a maximum of \$1500.

Public Relations: No event right now, will support upcoming Quiz.

Membership: We found that people did take out memberships at the Trivia Quiz, which is good.

Building: Eric will be discussing the New Library.

5. Old Business: The Sports Trivia Quiz idea will be moved to next month’s agenda.

6. New Business:

New Library update: The New Library – Yours...Ours...is a definite go. April 1st is the closing date, property becomes Town & County’s. ACALA and GASHA – ACALA definitely on board to be a part of library. GASHA excited also. Meetings with possible funders have been held: Peter MacKay, ACOA, the Ministers. They are on board. The Funding is There. Meetings also with local businesses who are putting significant money into the capital budget. Other sources: Green Technology money (pursuing with Town Clerk). Both municipalities understand the long-term sharing and ownership goals.

Many committees involved with the New Library: Overall Building Committee:

Warden, Mayor, Councillors, Clerks & Eric – they are the ones who say “Yes” at the end

of the whole thing. They get recommendations from the Design Committee: FoAL Chair, Bernard, ACALA, GASHA, town.

Eric will work with the architect. There will be public consultation with the plan. Open Meetings, Eric and others will give the vision. What is the public expecting? This is an information moment; people can submit comments in person, and through the web, many ways. Krystal and Eric will be holding “place-making sessions” discussion the components, services, where should things be, in more detail, with different groups, some open, others targeted – Seniors, Youth, Mothers, kids, businesses, over three to four weeks. Ideas to the Architect. Architect’s design will go back and forth, then get an estimated cost, at which point the question is asked – Are you comfortable with the design? Want to get as many County folks as possible in the process too. This library is for everyone, town and county. Overall: The faster the 1st stage design work gets done then Eric can 1) Go to the funders 2) to go Business and get money and offer naming. Official name: The Antigonish Town and County Library. “Contributed by” plaques for other donors.

Krystal & Eric are main contacts. Lorraine, Melanie also very much involved.

Foal Fundraising for New Library: Pauline re-stated that FoAL is not responsible for getting the big money. Eric says some money has already come in, the library gives tax receipts for donations. Eric will tell FoAL who has been approached to avoid duplication. FoAL is in charge of expanding the start-up collection. Ideas solicited for how do we recognize donors. The Overall Building Committee reserves right to recognize “Children’s Corner”.

Pauline suggested that we write to every Nova Scotia author to get a book for the library, push for recognition of local authors, a Maritime author section.

Time line for library: About one year from now till open. It is a steel frame one story building, not very environmentally friendly, complete redesign. Much less like a box, one floor. 13,000 Square feet, an acre and a half parking lot belongs to the library.

Everything needs to be and will be sorted out with good transparency. We will be sensitive to everybody’s needs, businesses, etc.

We should put a sign “Future Home of Antigonish Library” on the building now. Investigate putting book covers instead of old newspapers in the windows during construction.

Both Councils have passed motions, borrowing from reserves for Library, the money is allocated. No environmental concerns with site.

Our Fundraising is for Books, not furniture or building concerns. Through the library, you can get a charitable donation receipt. Eric will double-check that FOAL can issue receipts through the library also.

The new Library is shovel-ready right now, the Library is the only ready priority project at the moment.

Fundraising ideas – donation cards at Funeral Homes -- recognition ideas, will be brainstormed at the next meeting and will be added to the agenda. Memorial bookplates.

Donated Doll: Anne Beck presented a lovely porcelain hand-painted doll which was donated by Shiela Wadman Novelty Dollmaker. Worth \$225 - \$250. We will figure out what to do with it. Must get the donated amount, of course. Selling tickets in the library, Get a ticket with a FoAL membership? Motion approved to get a lottery number for the sale of tickets. Brenda will send a thank you letter to the doll lady.

7. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7.55 pm.

Date of next meeting: Next Meeting will be March 25th at 7pm in the Council Chambers. We will need to schedule the AGM.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
March 4, 2009

OPENING BALANCE:	\$5738.68
INCOME:	70.00
EXPENSES:	0.00
BALANCE:	\$5808.68
GENERAL FUNDS:	\$2045.08
BUILDING FUND:	\$3763.60
BALANCE:	\$5808.68