

Friends of Penketh Library (FOPL)

12th May 2018

Meeting 10

10.00 am in the Staff Room

Minutes

Apologies

Sholto, Val and Anton (Duerden), David (Grey), Judith (Johnson), Andrea, David (Mathews), Karen, Mary, Geraldine and Wynn.

Matters arising from Minutes of last Meeting/AGM

Nothing outstanding.

Review of last Events – Burtonwood Association Talk, “Eggstravaganza”, WW1 Project Launch, FOPL Mini’s (After School/Story and Craft Time/Lego and Duplo), FOPL Reading Group

Another well attended talk from Burtonwood Association presenting new information and photographs, enjoyed by all. “Eggstravaganza” had a real buzz and excitement, the Easter Bonnet parade around the Square was fun – we have pictures on facebook to show the creative flair of the participants. The reward of chocolate eggs made the “Hunt” popular, some of the decorated biscuits and cakes didn’t make it home. We welcomed some Parish Councillors and Borough Councillor Jean Carter to our WW1 Launch plus relatives and Phillip Jeffs from Culture Warrington, to hear about the research and work that went into the booklet “In Remembrance of the Fallen”. Jane L told us that FOPL Mini’s is still continuing to thrive with some sessions of over 20 children. Sylvia was happy with the Reading Group progress, we welcomed 3 new members and are looking forward to a talk from the other half of the Yorkshire Poets on 23 May – Ian Smith, having already enjoyed the session by Margaret Hodgson. Jane L to include Sylvia on the Administration of FOPL facebook page.

Library News

Jane F said that her and Phillip went to a Representation on the Partnership Board Meeting on 10 May to discuss who would represent the Friends Groups. It was agreed that herself, Gary Borrowes (SWL), Peter Lewenz (South Warrington in Stockton Heath – SWISH) and Joan Grime (Culcheth Friends) would be the official Friends Groups Representatives. She mentioned the forthcoming Partnership Board Meeting at Culcheth Library on Wednesday 16 May at 2.30 - 4.30pm and the Friends Networking Meeting at Woolston Hub on Tuesday 22 May at 6.30pm. Minutes of the last Partnership Board Meeting were available for information.

Future Events and Sessions – George Formby Talk (15 May), “Growing Interest in your Library” (9 June), “The Great Get Together” (23 June), ongoing WW1 Events, 50th Birthday Celebrations etc

George Formby Talk is fully subscribed, places are limited as it is to be held in the Staff Room. Discussed the amended poster for “Growing Interest in your Library”. Jane L to liaise with Sarah for the craft sessions making flowers and Sylvia for decorating biscuits and cakes with flower themes. Jane F to contact Karen to ask her to make cakes to decorate and also she will research a gardening quiz, Judith to organise a prize. GGT – decided to keep the Teddy Bears picnic theme, Jane L suggested making friendship bracelets and decorating biscuits, having a contingency plan if the weather made the Atrium unusable – could FOPL’s donate any beads? A joint Event with Penketh W.I Reading Group and Penketh South Primary School. Jane F to contact the Parish Council, Tony Higgins etc., to issue invitations to both Events. Jane L to look at obtaining a gazebo to provide shade in the Atrium. Sylvia suggested contacting the Phoenix Choir to join in WW1 Events singing songs from that era and also to join us at the Library’s Birthday Celebration.

Discussed an Event for July, last year we invited the Fire Brigade (Jane L to contact), possibly something connected with Penketh Carnival – hopefully plan at the next Meeting on 30 June.

Library’s 50th Birthday Party, actual date 24 October was discussed but plans put on hold until nearer the time after liaising with Susan (LLA).

Funding

Jane F, Phillip and Steve went to WVA at the Gateway on 9 March to discuss opening a FOPL bank account. Steve informed us of the research he had done into Credit Unions based in Warrington Market, not sure if internet banking is available plus debit cards also our local bank TSB, have Community Accounts with free banking etc. Sylvia mentioned “Warrington’s Community Chest” would fund refreshments and sundries for something like GGT, otherwise a specific reason/project is needed to apply for most grants. We discussed how outside funding would help FOPL – publicity banners, professional signage – more scope to pay for guest speakers etc. So far all our Events have relied on generosity of our Members and speakers coming for free. It was agreed that we would put a donations box out at the GGT towards cost of refreshments and craft materials.

Dates for next Meeting

Saturday 30 June from 10.30am in the Study Area.

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Susan (Lead LiveWire Advisor) mentioned that LiveWire would like us to hold at least 4 joint projects a year. The donations from our “In Remembrance of the Fallen” booklets had enabled her to cover the cost of the print run and buy 2 books (“Horrible Histories” and “War Horse”) to be used as prizes in forthcoming WW1 competitions. She gave FOPL £30.32 which will go to craft materials and refreshment for GGT. WW1 updates – at present Pebble Art, collect a pebble from the Library and take a name of one of the Fallen, paint and hide in the local area, all local schools have received a copy of our booklet and a letter asking them

to be involved in making poppies to display in front of the WW1 Plaque on the Library wall. A local Beavers Group is coming into the Library in July to learn more about the Project and make wooden crosses to commemorate the Fallen. The aim is to have as many poppies/crosses etc by November 1st on the grass underneath the Plaque. After the school holidays Sarah is going to do a poetry workshop to coincide with National Poetry Day on the theme of WW1. Phillip Jeffs the Archivist from Culture Warrington has agreed to give a talk on “the Home Front” November 6th (details to follow). She informed us that a new PCSO called Stephen Heaps has started and is organising 2 talks in the Library on e-safety (21 May and 14 June). Susan asked for our plans for the “Great Get Together” so the Staff have time to make arrangements etc.

Jane F read out an email received from David Mathews, Coop Member Pioneer for Penketh and Great Sankey, saying that he was resigning from his post, was unable to come to our Meeting and that his Morris Dancing Troupe was already committed to an activity on the day of the GGT. He also invited FOPL’s to join in the Penketh Volunteer Celebration Event on 9 June at 2pm. The Volunteer Celebration was to be held at Penketh Baths Community Centre on 9 June at 2pm and he would like to know names of any FOPL’s that want to attend – Sylvia and Steve expressed an interest in joining Jane F and Phillip.