

Friends of Penketh Library (FOPL)

1 June 2019

Second Annual General Meeting

10.30 am in the Study Area

Minutes

FOPL Annual General Meeting

Welcome

Jane thanked everyone for sending cards and well wishes and asked for the meeting not to go on too long.

Phillip welcomed everyone and our new member Anne Peers.

Attendees: Jane Forshaw, Phil Forshaw, Mary Ross, Sylvia Haggett, Anne Peers, Steve Grey, Karen Mitchell, Ian Frampton, Andrea Maguire.

Apologies: Sholto Douglas, Judith Kemp, Jane Love, Steve Adams

Susan Morris pointed out the fire exits, and also explained the new photography policy in the library. Permission is required from the people being photographed or filmed. Consent forms are available at the desk.

Presentation of Annual Report (Chair/Secretary)

Events:

Since the last AGM we have had: George Formby 'It's Turned Out Nice Again', The World Cup Sticker Swap Shop, Growing Interest In Libraries, The Great Get Together, National Poetry Day, The Libraries' 50th birthday, The 'In Remembrance Of The Fallen' publication and wall plaques, making ceramic poppies, in December we invited Warrington Foodbank, Deck the Library with Boughs of Holly (our Christmas Celebration), Love your Library (Valentine's Day), Eggstravaganza (Easter) 2018 & 2019, Janice Hayes Warrington History Talk.

We were grateful to St Josephs' pantomime committee for their £250 donation, and to Asda for their £200 green token donation. Thanks to Asda's Cathy and David who presented us with the cheque.

Our thanks also to Co-op Member Pioneer Veronica Hudson who helped at our events.

Presentation of Accounts (Treasurer)

The FOPL financial year runs from January to December. This report covers both the year 2018 and the year so far, 2019.

2018 started with £23.50 in cash in the coffers. During the year we had income from donations and ticket sales for events such as the RAF Burtonwood Talk and Philip Jeffs' First World War talk. There were also various expenses such as craft materials, cakes to celebrate the Library's 50th anniversary and to make the ceramic poppies, which were greatly appreciated when displayed outside. During October, FOPL opened a Community Bank Account with NatWest (this type of account charges no fees). We ended the year with total funds of £113.05, £20.00 of this was held in the bank account, the rest, £93.05 held as cash. The 2019 financial year started with these amounts, but this year, we have had some very generous donations. £250 from St Joseph's Pantomime Committee and £200 from the ASDA Green Token Scheme. There have been other amounts kindly contributed via our donation tin. Other income came from ticket sales for Janice Hayes' History talk. Expenses and purchases have included craft materials, cake ingredients, chocolate eggs for our Easter event and a book token for the Art Competition prize. Our funds currently stand at a very healthy £542.17, £430.00 of this is held in the bank account, the rest, £112.17 held as cash.

Election of Officers: (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer)

Jane was re-elected as chair, Philip as secretary, and Mary elected as treasurer.

Motions to be put to the AGM: (received by 25 May 2019)

No motions were received.

Any other relevant business (AOB):

No one had any other business to discuss at the AGM.

End of Formal Annual General Meeting.

FOPL Ordinary Meeting No. 15

Attendees: as above. We were joined by David Keene and Linda Dirir during the meeting.

Apologies: as above.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting:

There were no matters arising.

Review of last Event: – "Eggstravaganza"

Mary noted that Councillor Higgins judged the Easter bonnet parade.

Andrea suggested taking the children over to Heathside where they were more than happy to have us visit. They had even produced a poster to publicise the event.

Mary said: May was Local History Month, Janice Hayes gave a talk about how she put together her books of Warrington's history which was very interesting. She also does a talk

'Family Album' and demonstrates how to date photographs which people bring along. We could invite her to give this talk in October, for the Family Learning Festival.

The craft sessions continue fortnightly during term time. Attendance varies according to weather and after school clubs and school holidays. Story and Craft still has a younger age target and handicrafts (chatty crafters) older children and adults. Jane has some receipts for materials e.g. hats. For the sunflower competition, we need prizes for the four categories, Jane has asked Cathy from ASDA for help with this Great Sankey and Heathside are doing the competition. We need to find ways to support the Summer Reading Challenge with local schools.

Sylvia reported: The Reading Group is going from strength to strength they have enough people, they are up to capacity for books and space. It has also become a friendship group, group members give talks and become really involved. Some external trips have been organised, for example, to Liverpool's Open Eye Gallery.

Library News

Mary reported on recent Library Partnership Board Meetings.

Future Events and Sessions: – The Great Get Together etc.

The Great Get Together, which will be held on the 22nd of June. Jane L has invited the Phoenix Choir to sing. Mary reported that the W.I. Reading Group would come along and help with refreshments. Mary will invite Tony Higgins. Jane L will be decorating cakes, and making sunflower keyrings. The theme will be sunflowers. Other activities will be borrow-a-book and lucky dip. Cathy from ASDA may be able to help with this.

It was discussed whether we should participate in National Poetry Day, which is on 3rd of October this year, but the best date for us would be the 28th of September. Mary noted this coincides with Libraries Week, so we could combine the two and Borrow a Book Day. Mary mentioned the Christmas fair which previously was held in November. Jane suggested we have a meeting early September so that we could plan events in late September onwards. Jane also noted last year we were very busy through the autumn time. For autumn this year we could invite some guest speakers. Mary suggested Janice Hayes give her Family Album Talk in October for the Family Learning Festival and mentioned Black History Month. Mary said Philip Jeffs was putting together a talk specifically for Penketh And West Warrington. Also, Mary's two History Trail documents are still available. The library can print off some of these if required.

Penketh Parish Council Volunteer Celebration: Saturday 6 July, FOPLs are invited Sylvia, Mary, and possibly one other (Andrea) can attend.

Co-op Community Fund discuss application:

Mary reported: The Co-op are looking for applications from community groups. In this area they pick three community groups to give money to. The application process is quite onerous and would require us to spend money on a specific project. We could still ask the Co-op for a small donation, however. It was noted the Co-op have already been most generous with donations of food items for example.

Summer Reading Challenge – prizes:

It was suggested that £10 Book Tokens be purchased as prizes for the summer reading challenge to be allocated 1 per local school. Also, the sunflower competition will require a prize. Jane may have contacted Cathy about this. Jane has decided on a Gardening type prize for individuals, seeds or planters for the schools also some small trophies.

AOB:

Philip mentioned that Judith Kemp has moved to Cranfield and sends her best wishes to all FOPLs. If anyone wants to get in touch with Judith, email FOPL and Phillip will send her address to you. Jane thanked Judith for her help in being the contact with the gardening Society.

The ASDA green token scheme was discussed, we were impressed how many tokens were collected for FOPL.

Andrea suggested we might apply for the Tesco token scheme which runs for six months and runs to thousands of pounds. Mary said she would investigate further, and that we need to develop a relationship with Tesco.

Steve suggested that there should be an article in the next LiveWire magazine about library activities.

David Keane said the parish council had recently received applications from community groups for small grants (typically) £10, £50, £100 which might help buy book tokens for school competitions. The parish meeting for considerations is the second Wednesday of each month. Application could be in the form of a short note to the Clerk. If that's seen by the first Wednesday of the month it can be on the agenda for the 2nd Wednesday.

Date for next Meeting:

The 7th September was decided as the date for our next meeting.