

Friends of Penketh Library (FOPL)

29 September 2021

Meeting 20

10.00 – 12.00

Minutes

Apologies: Geraldine Snape (Chair*)

Attending: Sylvia Haggett (Treasurer*), Phillip Forshaw (Secretary) Jane Love (Publicity Officer), Mary Ross (Community Outreach Officer*), Susan Morris (Communications Officer*), Karen Mitchell (Member)

*** = Acting**

Introductions: As above

Matters arising from minutes of last meeting:

Minutes taken as correct, no matters arising.

Review of last events:

Due to Covid restrictions, there have been no recent events. So none were discussed.

Financial report:

Sylvia H. reported that on the day of the meeting, FOPL has £20.00 held as cash and £4454.79 in the FOPL bank account

Susan M. submitted an expenses claim for £30.00 for book tokens for the Libraries Week FOPL poster competition.

Phillip F. submitted an expenses claim for £11.00 for chocolates and sweets for the Libraries Week 'Enjoy a chocolate when borrowing books' promotion.

These were paid by Sylvia with cheques from the FOPL bank account.

Spending some of the Co-op money was discussed. A projector and screen could be purchased for future use. Phil F. to contact Stockton Heath Friends Group for advice as they have experience of using one.

Library News

The refurbishment of Penketh Library was discussed. As yet there is no news of a contractor being appointed to do the work. Phil F. suggested people visit Padgate Library to see an example of a refurbished library.

Future events and sessions:

Regular events held in previous years such as for Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, The Great Get Together, have always been popular and it was agreed that they should resume when the Covid situation allowed them to be held safely and in accordance with the library safety requirements. For the time being, activities will need to be Covid safe.

The FOPL Reading Group is resuming meeting monthly on Wednesdays. As the library is currently closed on Wednesdays, access will be provided by Susan M. or by Phillip F. both have attended an induction to be keyholders, Susan M. currently holds the keys.

A Lego session will be held Thursday 28 October. Numbers to be restricted by requiring pre-booking, Sylvia H. is organising this event.

Halloween craft packs to be produced. Get an origami pack if four books are borrowed. 40 packs to be produced. Susan M. & Jane L.

Christmas crafts could be Christmas Cards and Crackers, idea to be developed. Jane L.

A Design-a-Poster competition is being run for Libraries Week, Two age groups, with £15 book tokens as prizes. Also for Libraries Week a promotion will be run to enjoy a chocolate if you borrow books. Both are funded by FOPL.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 1952-2022 could be celebrated by the people of Penketh sending their memories and photographs of local events during our Queen's reign. Mary R. A craft activity was suggested to make crowns. Jane L.

AOB

Susan M. suggested producing a regular newsletter.

Date for the next meeting and date for AGM

This was provisionally the 20th of November, a Covid-safe venue to be decided. Phil F.