

FRIENDS of Penketh Library (FOPL)

19th January 2019

Meeting 13

10.30 am in the Study Area

Minutes

Apologies

Sylvia, Steve, Andrea, Ian, Sarah and Jane F.

Matters arising from Minutes of last Meeting.

FOPL has been accepted for the Asda green token scheme in Asda Westbrook and is doing well though with tough competition from the RSPCA.

Review of last events.

Warrington Food Bank was invited through FOPL to be in the library on the run up to Christmas. Once again this was very successful and the people of Penketh were most generous. The 'Deck The Library With Boughs Of Holly' event was well enjoyed although numbers seemed slightly down on last year's event. The lucky dip was successful and Christmas carols with the Phoenix choir were well enjoyed by all. Decoration and lantern making were popular and the mince pies were too. It was noted the lucky dip could be used at other events too.

Gerry reported that the Reading Group continues to grow with a few new members recently joining. Eight of the reading group will be going to the big quiz at The Oaks run by Paul Layfield, with the aim of winning. Helen has been finding some great books for the group. The Chatty Crafters continues to be popular with 10 to 12 children each time and plus adults.

Financial report - FOPL bank account.

Phillip read from the accounts spreadsheet to show the up to date financial situation at the close of 2018, £113.05 is the current total with £20 of this held in the bank account, the remainder held as petty cash.

The money from the Asda green token scheme should help FOPL in the future. Jane Love and said that the Asda community people very much want to work with us. If we want to do something bigger, they are willing to help us. For future events if we know the dates can we let them know and will try to get people here to help. There are other pots of funding which can be applied for. Also 'colleague top up' was mentioned as a way our fundraising could be boosted by Asda.

Mary mentioned the help we had from Veronica Hudson, the Coop member pioneer, who had donated mince pies for the Christmas event. She was happy to get to know people.

Library News and Partnership Board News

No news to report as Jane F normally deals with this.

Future Events and Sessions - Valentines event on 9th February and Easter event 13th April.

It had been suggested at our last meeting to celebrate the Chinese New Year along with the Valentine's event. Due to the short timescale it was decided just to go ahead with the Valentine's event. The title 'Love Your Library' was decided on. Geraldine said she could not commit to doing a poetry session this year. Ideas for cards and cupcakes were discussed also a heart shaped origami bookmark. And some material for heart boxes is available from last year so these could be made. Chocolate hearts can be purchased also love hearts. The lucky dip could be repeated as this was popular. Aqua beads were also suggested as a craft activity, these could be asked for on Facebook.

The date for of the Easter event was discussed, and point after considering school holidays, the 13th of April was decided on. The date for the next FOPL meeting was suggested as the 23rd of March to plan the Easter event. The Easter bonnets were popular last year so it was suggested we could repeat this and have prizes for the best bonnets. One for the best children's bonnet and one for the best adult's bonnet. Jane L suggested contacting Asda or the Co-op to see if they could donate a prize. The Easter egg / bunny hunt could be repeated this year.

The date of the AGM needs to be held by the 3rd of June, a maximum of 15 months from the last AGM. Phillip suggested we wait before setting the date, hopefully Jane F will be well enough to attend.

AOB

Susan Morris thanked FOPL for all the work they have done. She provided us with a feedback form from LiveWire to record information about our events. Susan reminded us about LiveWire's photograph policy. Before taking them, people including visitors to our events should get permission from the people in the photographs, or their parent/guardian. This is especially important when children are being photographed. If you see someone taking photographs in the library please remind them, they should ask permission first.

There are a couple of livewire events coming up, one is a Scam Awareness event on March 26th and a Digital Safety event held in April both run by a lady from NatWest. Publicise these. Janice Hayes is doing a talk about Warrington photographers for Padgate library and suggests she could do one in Penketh. Philip Jeffs has some talks that he could do also. Susan provided a calendar of events from Library Connect (formerly the Society of Chief Librarians) for our information. In the calendar, May is Local and Community History Month. Susan suggests posting historic photographs on Facebook, one a day starting in February leading up to May. In May is planned a historical health walk of about 1 hour in length. Karen will run or this but may need a FOPL to accompany her. Susan referred to the Library's 40th birthday when people recorded their memories. She suggested, as a possible project, 10 years on that people could be asked to record their memories from 1950 to the present day. These could be posted on Facebook or written down and dropped off at the library. Susan suggested a competition for children to make a model of a building in Penketh, possibly running this in May to be finished by half term. Susan said she would be attending the Library Partnership Board Meeting (Monday 21st) and would keep FOPL informed if Penketh's business case was discussed. Susan mentioned that the libraries battery recycling scheme is successful and asked if FOPL could publicise this.

Mary mentioned that the Parish Council has created an events committee. They have suggested organising a 'Big Read'. Mary informed them that anything involving the library needs to be approved by livewire via the library staff.

Jane L mentioned the Great Get Together, which this year is on the 22nd of June. We can add this date to our calendar.

Phillip asked if we should hold a gardening event again this year and it was agreed, that we should do so. Judith will contact the gardeners to let them know.

FOPL has been contacted by a local resident who has volunteered to help people create and update their CVs. This is a service that can be offered through FOPL. A poster is now in the library people can arrange an appointment at the library desk.

Date of next Meeting.

Saturday March 23rd 2019 from 10.30 am in the Study Area.