

FRIENDS of Penketh Library (FOPL)

23rd March 2019

Meeting 14

10.30 am in the Study Area

Minutes

Apologies

Jane F, Steve A, Karen M, Gerry S, Sarah P

Matters arising from Minutes of last Meeting.

It was agreed that there were no matters arising from the last meeting.

Review of last events.

Valentine's Event 'Love Your Library'

All present agreed that this was a successful event. The choir helped to give the event a good atmosphere. The lucky dip was also popular. The card making went well also. Some people tried 'A blind date with a book', hopefully falling in love with a new author.

Reading Group

Sylvia's report: The Reading Group continues to go from strength to strength, having celebrated their second anniversary in February, they now have a waiting list to join. They meet fortnightly and have social meet-ups as well on alternate Wednesdays. Guest speakers and group members have given talks on a wide range of subjects. The Reading Group will have a summer break, ending meetings in May and re-starting in September.

Children's Chatty Crafters, Story and Craft session

Jane's report: Sometimes as many as twenty come along to the sessions, though numbers can depend on the weather. The adults also enjoy joining in and helping with the craft activities. It was commented that Jane's ideas for craft activities are amazing.

Financial report - FOPL bank account.

Phil gave this report as Steve is still unable to attend. FOPL's funds currently stand at £97.03, (not including the contents of the collection tin). Mary told us about a possible future donation from the Penketh History Group. Also, an actual donation from St Joseph's Pantomime Committee. Following a successful performance of the pantomime 'Treasure Island' Michelle Harrison asked if FOPL would accept a cheque for £250, which we were pleased to do. Mary said she would write a letter of thanks for this donation.

On recent visits, Phil noticed that FOPL was very close to the RSPCA in the Asda Green Token Scheme, and it is pleasing to get so many tokens from the public, especially as we are not the nearest library to Asda! Andrea noted that TESCO Also have a token scheme which FOPL could apply for.

Phil asked for ideas that our funds could be spent on, possibly author talks or talks by Culture Warrington.

The collection tin was emptied and the contents were added to which totalled an additional £2.00 for FOPL funds.

Library News – Strategy Document

The Library Partnership Board (LPB) has produced a Strategy Document and also a survey, the results of which will be available on their website, also published as a glossy booklet.

Library Partnership Board meeting 20th March

Mary reported that at the LPB meeting, it was mentioned that the Snoutwood proposal was not going ahead and ideas for future progress were discussed, including the Penketh Masterplan.

Future Events and Sessions

Easter Event 13th April, planning for other events in 2019 etc.

We looked at the poster of last year's Easter activities, 'Burrow' a Book, Colouring, Easter Quiz, Easter Bonnet Parade, Decorating Biscuits and Baskets and Easter Egg and Bunny Hunt, and decided as these were popular, we should repeat these activities this year. Jane suggested purchasing 50 'proper' hats this year, these are available for £1 or less. These could be decorated on the Thursday before Easter, with some decorating on Saturday as well. The parade could be held at 12.00 to allow decorating time. A visit to Heathside was proposed, Mary will call Mary the manager about this. Jane suggested a prize for pre-school, a prize for primary school and one for adults. The competition judging method was discussed, by Facebook 'likes' or perhaps by an independent local.

Jane was asked about things required for the lucky dip for the Easter Event. She suggested some popular items which could be added. Veronica (Hudson) the Coop Member Pioneer could be asked help with the lucky dip.

Judith mentioned that unfortunately, the gardening society is unavailable for the 8th of June, so this year they will not be able to do a gardening event in the library.

The idea of having a return visit from the police or fire engine was considered.

The Jo Cox event, The Great Get Together on 22nd June was agreed as a future event.

The AGM needs to be held by 3rd June, Jane proposed Saturday 1st of June as a suitable date for the AGM and to plan for the Great Get Together. Phil mentioned that our groups' officers need to be elected/re-elected at the AGM, the requirements of the role of treasurer were discussed.

AOB

Susan told us about events including a Crystal Healing event on the Tuesday 14th of May at 6.30 cost £2.50 including a drink and a biscuit. Another event at great Sankey Hub on Wednesday 15th of May is a talk by son Simon about the 'Song A Minute Man' as seen on YouTube to raise awareness of Alzheimer's. This is a free event but requires booking.

Susan also mentioned book bingo, a regional reading challenge.

May will be a busy month in the Library. There will be a book sale at the beginning of May. There has been a massive amount of feedback from the old photographs of Penketh including from responses from Hungary and Poland. But this is to create interest in local and community history month which is in May. Susan will set up a dummy email address for people to record their memories or drop them into the library similar to the 40th anniversary project. She asks if FOPL will promote this. There will be a historical walk in May, Mary has been working on the planning for this, the Penketh History Trail. This is themed around a route to the Tannery and back, visiting houses which have a historical connection to the Tannery. There will also be a competition in May for children to build a model of a building in Penketh. FOPL will provide the prize for this, a £10.00 book token.