

Friends of Brighton Public Library
Annual General Meeting
April 28, 2016
Council Chambers, Brighton Municipal Building

Minutes

Chair Stan McMullin called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the AGM of March 12, 2015, Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for December 31, 2014 through December 31, 2015, plus the Budget for 2016 were available for perusal.

Chair's opening remarks and recognition of special guests.

Welcome to the Annual meeting of the Friends of the Brighton Public Library. A special welcome is extended to our guest speakers tonight, Mellissa D'Onofrio Jones who is the CEO of our Library, and Bob Burke, Chair of our Library Board.

The preamble to our Constitution states that *"the purpose of the Friends shall be to promote and encourage the use of the resources and services of the Brighton Public Library, including the Codrington Branch. Friends will help provide funds and volunteer assistance to enable the library to enhance resources and facilities, expand services and develop programmes to better meet the cultural, educational and information needs of library users. Friends will work from a position of advocacy on behalf of Brighton Public Library"*. Here is this year's report on how we met our mission.

In the summer of 2015 we contributed \$250 to sponsor two events for children in Memorial Park. **"The Puppet Tamer"** and **"The Live Hawk and Falcon Show"** were each attended by over 100 kids and adults.

An informal wine and cheese event was held to welcome the author, **Steve Burrows**, to our community.

The Friends were asked to appoint a member to the **Library Working Group** that was charged with exploring the need for new library space. I was pleased to serve. The Committee presented its report to the Library Board, and eventually Brighton Council received the recommendations it contained and will hopefully strike a new committee to begin the actual design of new library space in 2016. The Friends supported my committee work by paying my registration at an important conference on Library Space in Waterloo.

Our **Annual Used Book Sale** was held in November and proved to be one of the best we've had. We brought in \$2,400 through a combination of book and membership sales. Central to our success was the wonderful support provided by volunteers. And of course, by the work of Tom Rosebush who carefully receives and sorts our books throughout the year.

We made a grant of \$6,175 to assist the Library Board with the purchase of a **new drop box** at the entrance to the Library.

We contributed \$250 to support prizes in for the young readers who participate in the **Reader of the Month Club** at the library. The money is used to buy gift certificates for book purchases at Lighthouse Books.

Last Christmas, we once again created a **Raffle Basket** and sold tickets through both the main and Codrington branches raising \$167. The Friends provided a **Christmas Basket** to thank the staff of the Library for their hard work.

Finally, we might add that our first fund raising project in 2016, a book launch by the well-known gardener, author and CTV personality **Mark Cullen**, was very successful raising \$2000. All profits will benefit the

Brighton Library.

This summer we will continue to support programming for children.

The Executive Committee of the Friends of the Brighton Library wish to thank you all for helping us to a successful year in 2015. We look forward to your continuing support in the new year.

Approval of the minutes of the March 12, 2015 AGM. Moved by Joan Selwood, seconded by Murray Workman, there being no errors or omissions, the minutes were approved.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Gina Gillespie. Moved by Gina Gillespie, seconded by Lesley Simla, the Treasurer's report and proposed budget for 2016 were approved.

Visiting Library – Gina Gillespie. Currently there are 4 people participating with 2 full time volunteers and 2 part time volunteers. Upon receiving a question from the floor, Gina described the program.

Membership – Tom Rosebush. We currently have 181 active e-mail addresses – a great way to save postage.

New Business – Election of new Executive Members – Lesley Simla, Past President

Current slate of Executive Officers

Chair:	Stan McMullin currently serving a 2-year term expiring in 2017
Vice-Chair:	Chris McMullin currently serving a 2-year term expiring in 2017
Past Chair:	Lesley Simla currently serving a 2-year term expiring in 2017
Library Board Liaison:	Murray Workman – chosen by the Library Board

Lesley presented the nominees for open 1-year positions on the Executive Committee

Treasurer:	Gina Gillespie
Secretary:	Joan Selwood
Membership:	Tom Rosebush
Members at Large:	Gayle Wilk, Rob Craig-Murphie, Joanna Gray

Lesley then asked for further nominations from the floor. There were none. Moved by Lesley Simla, seconded by Joan Cohrs the above slate was approved.

Guest Speaker Mellissa D'Onofrio-Jones, CEO Brighton Public Library

With the help of a slide presentation, Mellissa informed us about the programmes and initiatives being offered in 2016 – these are in addition to the regular activities provided.

These are – Paws for Stories, TAG (Teen Advisory Group), Sunny Days Day Camp, Author Events (2), Tech Help One on One. Another new programme is Lucky Day! - A special collection of books designed for fast turnover. She also talked about the summer programmes – Pop Up Libraries in July and August at events, Puppet Tamer (outdoor), Magic Show (indoor) plus more.

In response to a question from the floor Mellissa explained that these programmes came about as a result of the survey, the completed strategic plan, a focus group and brainstorming.

The Adult Colouring Programme received many Facebook comments but no participants.

Stan's comment: Now you know why we need a new Library!

Guest Speaker Bob Burke, Chair of Brighton Library Board

Bob talked about the history of the Design Committee and the Library Expansion Working Group. He noted that Council had put aside \$100,000 for a library designer (not a building designer). He also noted the medical people are leaving at the end of June. The library currently has 3,500 sq feet, it should have 16,000 sq feet but will probably end up being 8-9000 square feet if it takes over the downstairs portion of the current building. We need to be ready to get money that will be available for the 150th Anniversary of Canada (July 1, 2017). The City and Library will work together. To get private money the Library needs accreditation.

Chair's closing remarks.

Stan thanked both the speakers. Friends of the Libraruy will be on side and make significant contributions.

A Motion to Adjourn was received from Midge Trauzzi.

Next Regular Board Meeting At the call of the Chair

Joan Selwood, Recording Secretary