

MINUTES OF  
8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF FRIENDS OF STOWMARKET  
HELD ON 3rd MAY 2018 at 7pm IN THE LIBRARY

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<u>Present:</u>	Diane Tarrant (in the Chair)	Ursula Scott
	Graham Harris	Pat Welland
	David Welland	Frances Law
	Bruce Leeke	Jack Norman
	Roger Rehahn	Caroline Southgate
	Mary Jones	Brenda Rehahn

<u>Apologies:</u>	Brian Matthews	Barbara Cutting
	David Keeling	Linda Pattle
	Catherine Croome	Barbara & John Fielden
	Nigel Rozier	

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report is attached. US thanked GH for his tremendous assistance in obtaining grants for FSL from local organisations, and his hard work on the quiz night.

Chairman's Report:

DT spoke of the successful quiz night, the Reading Game presentation, face painting and raffle. The 'lucky fish' craft during the Christmas light switch-on event, the FSL Skulduggery weekend where we assisted with a loan, and which proved very popular, with thanks to US and JN for their hard work. She briefly described some of the possible forthcoming events – another quiz night, a music night, and bingo. FSL had purchased a new sofa and moveable shelving for the teenage area. She also thanked everyone for their generous donations throughout the year.

Matters Arising:

- The entire Committee stood down. Roger Rehahn proposed their re-election, which was seconded by FL. Two new members agreed to come on to the Committee, as 'new blood' and new ideas were welcomed. They were invited to attend a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018, and we will finalise roles at that meeting.

- Bruce Leeke, new CEO, spoke about his arrival at Suffolk Libraries and his past experiences. He has been most impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm of the staff. He stated that he had inherited a 5-year funding plan from SCC which will give stability and a building block for new initiatives.
- GH stated that it would be helpful if Friends were kept informed of decisions affecting the Library, and BL stated that this would be done as soon as possible
- Questions were asked about the Schools Library Service which has now shut down due to lack of funding in the school system to buy into it. He stated that the prison service which still continues as before, and also the future of the mobile library service. The mobile library is having a consultation period as although greatly valued by customers in rural areas, now requires replacement vehicles.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 4pm in the Library.

The chairman thanked everyone for coming, and the meeting closed at 7.50.

FRIENDS OF STOWMARKET LIBRARY  
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2017/2018

INCOME

Book sales Library	£216.80
Amazon book sales	£57.84
Book sales garage	£19.00
Card Sales	£27.80
Donation	£80.00
Raffle SRC Presentation	£48.00
Fruit sales	£28.35
Quiz night	£313.00
Stowmarket Rotary Charitable Trust	£1,000.00
Jewellery sales	£16.00
Don's Diners (Rotary Club)	£1,076.00
Gipping Valley Rotary Club	£100.00
Co-op Community Scheme	£200.00
County Councillor payment for sewing machines	£400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,587.79</b>

Total profit for year

£2,062.34

Bank account as at April 2017  
Petty cash as at April 2017  
Total funds April 2016  
Plus profit on year  
Interest

£2,620.43  
£0.69  
£2,621.12  
£2,062.34  
£3.60  
£4,687.06

EXPENDITURE

Microwave	44.99
Sewing machines & sundries	343.10
Secretary's expenses	19.57
Face Painter (SRC Presentation)	70.00
Halloween Decorations	38.00
Settee for YA area	248.33
Shelving for AV area	554.00
Tickets Rotary Club Dinner	52.00
Harry Potter Night decorations	24.46
Skulduggery payments	126.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,520.45</b>

Bank account as at April 2018  
Petty cash as at April 2018  
Total funds as at April 2018

£4,568.70  
£118.36  
£4,687.06