

Friends of the Library Byron Shire
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
Heritage House Bangalow 18 October 2017, 11.00am

1. Attendance: Janene Jarvis, Beryl Main, Geoff Meers, Mary Nelson, Richard Hodgson, Samantha McGrath. Judy Lynch, Anna Middleton, Caroline Adams, Anne Gilmore, Margot Wright, Coral Wheatley, Lesley Jenkins, Catherine Short, Sue Ash; Fred Schack,

Apologies: Barbara Barrett, Lee Rogers, Pam Hughes, Bette Beresford, Gwen Falson, Trish Bleakley, Margaret Borden, Brenda Anderson

2. Librarian's Report: No report

3. Minutes from September Meeting:

- Moved Beryl: that they are a true record of the meeting, seconded by Margot

4. Business Arising from September Meeting:

- Nil

5. Presidents Report October 2017: See attached

- Discussed refunds for FOL events. **DECISION:** Refunds will not be provided for FOL events. This message to be made clear on all advertising material. Moved Beryl, seconded Richard.
- Discussed concessional tickets for the annual Byron Writers Festival. **DECISION:** Concessional tickets for the Byron Writers festival will be available for the first 5 FOL members who apply. The offer will be circulated to all members after FOL is advised of the event. Moved Beryl, seconded Richard.
- Discussed discounts for FOL members to FOL events. **DECISION:** Discounts for FOL members for FOL events will only be made available for events exceeding \$20.00 ticket price. Moved Geoff, seconded Richard.

6. Correspondence Incoming: Nil

7. Correspondence Outgoing:

- Letter in support of grant application for Brunswick Heads library extension
- Card and flowers sent to Barbara Barrett on behalf of FOL

8. Treasurers Report:

- Book Sale: \$8191, raffle \$5300

- Balance from 17 September \$38,425. Total income, \$672. Total expenditure, \$200. Accumulated balance as of 15 October 2017 \$38,898. Richard moved that the report be accepted, seconded Margot.
- Discussion re term deposit. **DECISION:** roll term deposit over for 7 months, moved Richard, seconded Margot.

9. Membership report: 60 members

10. General Business:

- Anna Middleton event at Heritage House 27 October, 24 tickets sold so far
- **ACTIONS:**
 - Mary to organize drinks (proseco, red white wine)
 - Margot to arrange catering with Anna
 - Volunteers to arrive 4.30pm
- Fiona Macintosh event 21 November, 5.30pm, Byron Library
 - To be organized later
- Jesse Blackadder event in December, date to be confirmed
- Byron Youth Service book stall. Noted small success from October stall and agreed to have a stall 11 November, volunteers wanted **ACTION:** Janene to coordinate.
- Christmas end of year celebration discussed and ideas asked for. **AC-TION:** All.

Meeting closed 12.25pm

President's Report - October, 2017

The FOL Committee met on October 11 to discuss some policy issues and prepared a proposal to bring to the meeting.

- Proposal One: There will be no refunds for FOL events. This will be printed on all posters and notices. (agenda item)
- Proposal Two: Concessional tickets for the Byron Writers Festival - formerly The Byron Writers Centre) This benefit will be available to the first five FOL members applying for Writers Festival events. Members will be notified of the FOL membership code to use when making a reservation.(Agenda item)
- Role descriptions. We discussed the role of a Public Officer and decided that this could be combined with the role of assistant secretary. All positions were considered and redefined appropriately for our current circumstances.
- Discussion relating to our constitution.
- Discounts for members. It was proposed that discounts apply to events exceeding \$20. (Agenda item)

Last Saturday we held our first book sale at the Byron Youth Service's monthly market. Thanks to Janene for driving this initiative. Rosalie Byrant, the Youth Services coordinator, had previously invited us to be a part of their event but we could not fit it in. There was no expectation of payment other than a donation. Their agenda was to provide an opportunity for community groups. A wet day and small numbers still allowed us to take \$167. Tables and inside space made this quite an easy operation. Janene and Beryl moved the books on Friday and Margot, Janene and Christopher Wright returned unsold books to the shed in the afternoon. Trisha Bleakley, Mary Nelson, Margot Wright, Janene and Beryl helped with the sales. It was an interesting first experience which we will try again and also a nice opportunity to help a community service supporting our youth. The YAC and BYS staff was most appreciative of our presence.

Perhaps a quiet month but much behind the scenes work is taking place with two pending book launches. Please invite your friends and support these events.

Beryl Main, President.