

Friends of the Library Byron Shire
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 20 June 2018
Arakwal Room, Byron Bay Library

1. Attendance: Janene Jarvis (Chair), Sue Ash, Barbara Barrett, Anne Gilmore, Richard Hodgson, Bob Levett, Wendy Levett, Samantha McGrath, Mary Nelson, Geoff Meers, Fred Schack, Margaret Wills, Margot Wright, Brenda Anderson, Cathy Pickles

Apologies: Beryl Main, Cathy Short, Trisha Bleakley, Pam Hughes, Anna Middleton, Lee Rogers, Carolyn Adams

2. Librarian's Report:

- Busy school holiday program organised
- Pop-up activities arranged for Book Fair (Saturday 9-12)
- Tech Savvy Seniors talk Friday, on-line shopping
- Noted need for Book Fair on library e-notice board. **ACTION:** email copy of poster to Brenda Mary-Margo-Brenda.
- The meeting congratulated the library on the winter textile display
- FOL-funded shelving has been used to rearrange junior non-fiction at Brunswick Heads, resulting in increased usage.
- Brunswick Heads grant application is proceeding
- Mullumbimby workroom upgrade progressing with new front counter
- Poetry Slam in the library as part of the BWF, Brenda will contact FOL if help needed
- Discussed purchase of BWF books, **DECISION:** Purchase books up to total \$500, **ACTION:** Mary
- Brenda foreshadowed need for FOL funding for 2018-19

3. Minutes from April Meeting:

- Moved Geoff that they are a true record of the meeting, seconded by Richard.

4. Business Arising from April Meeting:

- Everything completed

5. Presidents Report April 2018: attached

6. Correspondence Incoming:

- Bank statements
- Membership renewals and new memberships
- Letter from the Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP, Shadow Assistant Treasurer regarding government's requirements to report to AEC on funds spent on communication and public advocacy. **ACTION:** Geoff to research and report implications to next meeting

7. Correspondence Outgoing: Nil

8. Treasurers Report:

- Balance from 13 May \$41,141. Total income, \$12,785. Total expenditure, \$306. Accumulated balance as of 17 June \$443,620. Richard noted term deposit reinvested at 2.05%, maturing 25 November. Richard noted approximate income of \$2,200 so far from raffle sales. Richard moved that the report be accepted, seconded Margo.

- Barbara presented cheque for \$308 from Still@the centre art store in Byron. This was 50% of funds from sale of art books from 2017 Book Fair. **ACTION:** Geoff to write letter of thanks

9. Membership report: No report

10. General Business:

- Book Fair 14& 15 July
 - Discussed use of Janene's trestle tables, **AGREED.**
 - Discussed BSN offer of full page ad for \$440. Moved Sue, seconded Janene: negotiate for week of Book Fair. If not possible, revert to ad only. Also put poster ad in Echo. **ACTION:** Beryl and Margo
 - Posters: **ACTION:** All email Margo with locations as posters are placed.
- Raffle:
 - Sue thanked volunteers for good work to date.
 - Noted selling at Byron Farmers Market 28 June
 - Noted need for more clipboards
- Byron Writers Festival
 - 10 online bookings already
 - CWA confirmed they will supply afternoon tea, requested a few free tickets.
- Barbara Carmichael. **DECISION:** no to book signing at Book Fair
- Proposal from Anne for launch of Peter Spearritt's new book. **DECISION:** agreed, early-mid-October, probably wine and cheese at \$20. Noted need to invite other groups, eg historical society. **ACTION:** Anne to check dates and get back at next meeting.
- Meeting closed at 11 am

President's report 20 June 2018

I knew that my heart was in the right place when I returned for a few days last week to Byron Bay. Spending some time at the library selling raffle tickets reassured me that many of the library users are more than happy to support the great things that Friends of Libraries does for the community of readers. The positive comments that flowed were heart-warming. Thank you to all members who are working on making this major raffle a big success. With the weeks ticking along, please make every effort to sell as many tickets as you can. The prize list is remarkable due to the great support we attract from local businesses.

I also spent a day with Janene and the generous book sorters at our storage shed. This magnificent effort saw us sort the last box of books currently being held. That was until I arrived back at my home and found more stacked in front of my garage! A team of hard working and happy volunteers was a sight to behold. I am sure that more books will still turn up but, at this stage, it is a grand collection. If some good offers come your way, you can still accept them but please be discerning.

Another way you can assist is to promote the Byron Writers Festival event with Ailsa Piper and Tony Doherty at the Moller Pavilion in Bangalow on August 2. Bookings are through the Byron Writers Festival website.

It was with much sadness that we said goodbye to our dear friend and member, Judy Lynch, who passed away from the effects of a brain aneurysm. Several of us attended a service commemorating Judy's fulfilled and generous life which was celebrated at the Bangalow Weir Parklands on a beautiful sunny day under the filtered light of bangalow palms. The perfect outdoor cathedral! Her smile and joy will be with us for a long time. We will miss you Judy.

I am most appreciative of the way so many members have stepped up to take on extra jobs at this very busy time when some of our members are compromised owing to family circumstances. This has been a challenging year all around and I ask everyone to support Janene as she takes on many of my tasks. Friends of Libraries Byron truly shine when it comes to working collaboratively as a team. Keep up the great work and I will be with you as often as possible. Thank you to a great team and I ask that you continue to support Janene as she calls for volunteers.

"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library." Jorge Luis Borges.

All the best, Beryl.