

Friends of Penketh Library (FOPL)

18th February 2017

Meeting 2

10 am Study Area, Penketh Library

Minutes

Apologies

Mary, Karen, Geraldine, Steve and Sholto.

Minutes from previous Meeting

Minutes available in folder on Library counter, website and emailed to all Members previously. No comments received.

Skill set of the Group (Contacts, experience, arts, crafts etc)

Members introduced themselves and told us about their interests and skills and how they could contribute to future events e.g. flower arranging, gardening, genealogy, astronomy, writing workshops and craft sessions.

Review of last Event – “Love comes to your Library” and Activities

Jane (Love) commented on progress of FOPL Mini’s Story and Craft Time Sessions, Sylvia on the Reading Group and Jane (Forshaw) was happy with last Saturday’s Valentine’s themed Event where 13 poets joined in the Workshop, over 20 children and adults made Valentines cards and lots of chocolate hearts were eaten. Susan (Morris) was pleased with the overall turnout as more Users came to the Library than on previous Saturdays.

Library News

Jane (Forshaw) reported the feedback from the Warrington Borough Council Executive Board Meeting last Monday, together with the latest plans for Penketh Library as stated in the LiveWire Report and the Council’s response. The new Working Group was mentioned in regards to the Warrington Guardian article and it was hoped by FOPL that the Libraries would be well represented in the make-up of the contributors. A new notice board to be situated in the current FOPL window was announced, this is dependent on the permission of LiveWire and going to be provided by the Parish Council.

“The Library makes History” on 11th March – update

Read from the Report by Mary who is the Lead on this event. Jane (Love) mentioned that Penketh South Junior School had expressed an interest in coming to the Library during the week of the Exhibition and it is hoped that a Representative from the Penketh and Great

Sankey Heritage Group will be available to explain the collection. Volunteers were requested for 10 am onwards on Friday 10th March to help transport the heavy items from the Youth Club and Baths Hall nearby. All FOPL's were encouraged to ask their friends and families to bring along their own photographs and memories of life in Penketh. Ideas were still flexible for this event – a treasure hunt, colouring sheets of fashion and houses through history, Philip Jeff's (Archivist based at Central Library) actual theme for his presentation etc.

Ideas for future Events and Sessions (Workshops, “Active Minds” etc)

Judith asked when we were going to have a plant stall and it was thought that the 10th June would be a Gardening Themed Event, she is going to confirm this at the next Gardening Society Meeting also ask if anyone would be happy to give a talk. Easter themed event decided for 8th April with Jane (Love) as the Lead on this. Jane (Forshaw) showed the poster for “Active Minds” and said this was a new initiative to see if local Residents were interested. Mary in her report had suggested a Cheshire Wildlife Trust display to coincide with Autumn Watch, Summer Holidays crafts, postcard writing and a Writing Competition with a Workshop on how to “write to inform” and a possible article published in Warrington Worldwide (Mary to contact Gary Skentelbery). Jane (Love) had asked on our facebook page for anyone with a specific skill or interest to run a 1-2 hour one-off Workshop. Jane also mentioned a free book and LiveWire Family Swim Voucher (2 adults, 3 children) raffle, week beginning 27th February, in conjunction with the World Book Day FOPL Mini's Story and Craft Time on Thursday 2nd March.

Publicity Campaign – suggestions for greater coverage

Mary had suggested including the usual Community Centres, Schools, local Pubs, local Radio Stations and also the Tavern (former British Legion) communal lounge in Penketh Court and Conservative Club, new places not computer dependent to publicise the History Event.

Dates for next Meeting

10 am on Saturday 18th March.

AOB

FOPL Members asked how we were funding materials, posters etc., was suggested contributions of craft materials, card, tea, coffee and printing paper would be helpful and if they could be brought into the Library. The Library is also providing copies of handouts to publicise events etc.