

## **Friends of the North Grenville Public Library's Annual General Meeting**

**November 21st, 2019**

**The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.**

**Executive members present: Jeff Murray, Joan Simpson, Barbara Rousseau, Rachel Brown, Barb McDerby, Mary Carlson, Jane Rocchio, Jude Levere (Recorder)**

**Regrets: Pat Babin, Rebecca Campbell**

**Joan Simpson welcomed everyone to the 17th AGM. She gave a brief update on the activities of the past year (as listed below). This was followed by the business meeting.**

**a) Moved by Jeffrey Murray and seconded by Jude Levere that the agenda as distributed be adopted. Carried.**

**Next was a short update of our activities over the past year.**

**1. The December 2018 Holiday Fun Fest for children was well attended. Thanks to Kerry Badgley and George Buys for the lively entertainment, to Giant Tiger for refreshments and Byers Funeral Home in South Mountain for financial support.**

**2. We participated with St. John's United Church in a Robbie Burns Dinner celebration. The church prepared dinner, and Fiddlehead Soup provided entertainment, followed by Scottish Dance lessons. This was a successful fund raiser and preliminary planning is taking place for a Robbie Burns event in 2020.**

**3. The Evening at The Library event in June featured wine, cheese and a silent auction and was successful and well attended. The speakers were Michel Blouin, Jen Gilroy, Tom Graham and Chris Morgan. Jane's Catering provided delicious hors d'ouvres and desserts and Hanna MacNaughtan, harpist, played beautifully. Sponsors: Sheila Pratt (Royal LePage Real Estate), Connie Lamble (Barrister), Jonsson's Independent Store, Jane's Catering and Samantha Rivet Stevenson (RBC). Generous business and individual contributions to the silent auction raised the funding for the purchase the digital literacy coding program for children.**

**4. We provided funds to the library for a summer intern for the children's summer program. In August, the OPP BBQ was sponsored by the McGarry Family from Hulse, Playfair and McGarry. This covered our insurance costs for the year.**

5. Vivian Howe stepped down this year. Her help with organizing refreshments will be missed.

6. Pat Babin is keeping his trivia skills honed, while he recovers by challenging the nurses at the hospital.

7. We sponsored the launch of Michael Blouin's new novel, Skin House. We have developed a policy for future book launches and author book promotions.

Joan told those present that if they wished to become more actively involved in Friends events, to let an executive member know.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

1. Approval of the minutes of the 2018 AGM: moved by Joan Simpson and seconded by Jane Rocchio. Carried.

2. Barbara Rousseau presented the Financial Report and moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Mary Carlson. Carried.

3. Movement to adjourn was made by Mary Carlson, seconded by Jeffrey Murray. Carried.

**THE STAR OF THE LIBRARY AWARDS:** Jude Levere presented the Star of the Library Awards to Bill McElrea, Chair of the Room to Read Campaign, and to Roberta Russell, executive member of the Room to Read Campaign Committee. They planned and worked tirelessly with other committee members to plan fundraising events which raised more than the \$750,000 goal to help build the new library. Bill and Roberta are worthy recipients who exemplify the qualities of outstanding community service. Roberta and Bill gave gracious acceptance speeches.

A very interesting program followed about some of the library's weekly groups. Rachel and Liz Dwyer introduced the speakers: Stephen Hammond of the Science Group, Pamela Welling of the Writers Group, Brenda Ward of the Knit 'n Natter group and Michael Di Giacomo of the Board Gamers Group. Everyone enjoyed their presentations. Rachel thanked the speakers and Liz invited anyone interested in joining a weekly group to approach one of the speakers and tell him/her.

Joan Simpson thanked everyone for their ongoing support of Friends of the Library and for attending the AGM. Everyone left at 9:00 p.m.