

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING JANUARY 23, 2019**

Called to Order: 11:15 am

Present: Judy Alexander, Maureen Dix, Marilyn Bronson, Becky Denes, Reggie Sakach, Bev Paige, Sherry Dispenza, Marilyn Hubbard, Malvine Zakratka, Carol Valenti, Kay Clark, Susan Underwood, Debbie Waller, Cookie McLoda, Sharon Vollmer, Barbara Surovy

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: Approved

Financials:

November: Checking: \$11,176.89 CD: \$5,662.54 Total Assets: \$16,839.43 Book Box: \$160.13

December: Checking: \$11,281.57 CD: \$5,662.54 Total Assets: \$16,944.11 Book Box: \$69.68

OLD BUSINESS

Welcome: Becky Denes, Reference and Marketing Departments of the library was welcomed as the new liaison between the library and the Friends. She is also liaison to Main Street Amherst.

Thank You: The Friends expressed their thanks for Charlene Kalo's years as liaison and for Barb Surovy's ten years as membership chairperson.

Election of Officers: The slate of officers remains the same as last year; President: Sharon Vollmer, Vice President: Carol Valenti, Secretary, Maureen Dix and Treasurer Sue Underwood. A motion was made and seconded that this slate be reelected. Motion carried. The committee chairs remain the same with the exception of membership being absorbed into the vice presidency. The chair persons are: Publicity: Marilyn Bronson, Hospitality: Judy Alexander/Cookie McLoda, Book Nook: Kay Clark, Bulletin Board: Barbara Surovy

Membership: Barbara Surovy mailed out membership renewal forms. Carol Valenti reports 67 current members.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Audit: Bev Paige and Kay Clark agreed to conduct the audit of the Friends books for 2018. Treasurer Sue Underwood will contact them to arrange a time.

Annual Report: Judy Alexander suggested that the Friends compile a second annual report. She will proceed with this.

Annual Luncheon: The annual luncheon for Friends members will be held on Wednesday, February 27th at noon at **The Nordson Depot**. A sign up sheet was circulated. There is no cost for the luncheon but reservations are required. **Contact** Judy at 1-440-823-2823 before February 22nd.

Fall Tea: Pending availability of the historical society's Grange Hall, the fall tea fund raising event will be held on Sunday, September 15th.

2019 Author Luncheon: The 2019 Author Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 24th at noon at Heritage Presbyterian Church. Thrity Umrigar will be the featured author for a fee of \$500.00 plus \$95.00 travel expenses. Debbie Waller suggested considering Spectrum Caterers. She and other members have heard good things about them and their reasonable rates.

Kindergarten Read: It's time to start looking for an appropriate book for the kindergarten read program in September. Maureen Dix will look into this.

Name Tags: Additional name tags need to be purchased for members to wear at Friends functions. Sharon suggested that we contact GLS promotions located in Westlake. The price is \$6.95 each for a purchase of less than 11, and \$6.26 each for a purchase of 11 or more. A onetime \$40.00 tooling charge would be added. Debbie Waller made a motion that we purchase 11 name tags. Sue Underwood seconded. Motion carried.

Blue Bags: Sharon also suggested that we consider purchasing the heavy plastic blue bags that are used for book sales and the circulation desk from GLS. The price is comparable and the shipping cost should be less.

Spring Book Sale: The spring book sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday April 27th and 28th. Set up and Friends only sale will be on Friday, April 26th.

Staff Appreciation Lunch: Becky Denes suggested the lunch be planned for a Wednesday and Thursday as those are the days when the most staff are working. The Friends will select dates in May.

Dine to Donate: Carol Valenti will contact Old Town Pizza to set up a date in June.

Shred Day: The Friends 6th annual community shred day will be held in the library parking lot on Saturday, July 13th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Marilyn Bronson stated that the Boy Scouts already have it on their calendar.

Fall Book Sale: The fall book sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 16th and 17th. Set up and Friends only sale will be on Friday, November 15th.

Adjourned: 11:45 am

Next Meeting: Annual Luncheon, Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at noon in The Nordson Depot.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Dix, Secretary