

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MEETING JULY 28, 2021**

**Called to Order:** 11:20 am

**Present:** Debbie Waller, Kay Clark, Reggie Sakach, Diane Lamoreaux, Barbara Brown, Kaeth Shaughnessy, Becky Denes, Cookie McLoda, Judy Alexander, Maureen Dix

**Moderator:** Maureen Dix

**Past Minutes:** The past minutes were accepted.

**Financial:** Checking: \$10,937.56 CD: \$5,924.09 Total Assets: \$16,861.65 Book Nook: \$284.97

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Community Shred Day:** The seventh annual community shred day went well. The scouts and the Shred-it driver did a great job unloading the cars. Treasurer Carol Valenti reported that she received a bill for \$674.56, which is \$222.00 higher than last year. She is in contact with Shred-it to determine the reason for the increase. The next shred day will be Saturday, July 9, 2022.

**Dues:** Membership dues will not be collected for 2021. Any dues received will be applied to 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**New Member:** A new member was present at the meeting. She is Kaeth Shaughnessy who recently moved to Amherst from Akron.

**Nominating Committee:** Judy Alexander and Barbara Brown have volunteered to co-chair the nominating committee for election of new officers. They will present a list of candidates in October.

**Book for Kindergartners:** Kay Clark introduced the subject of books for kindergartners. It was decided to proceed with the program. Debbie Waller volunteered to chair the project this year. Maureen Dix will provide her with information from previous years. Debbie will contact publishers and bring samples to the next meeting. Final school registration totals should be available after September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Book Nook:** The book nook, located under the stairs, is still open for business. Donations are accepted.

**Quarry Bear:** Becky Denes, library liaison, reported that the Quarry Bear costume is being put to good use. It has been stuffed and has been spotted in various locations in the library. In addition, Quarry Bear and his red suitcase have become world travelers and photos of them at their destinations have been popping up in about 30 shop windows in town as part of a scavenger hunt!

**Liter Kits:** Becky reports that Liter Clean Up Kits are available to borrow.

**Ground Breaking Ceremony:** A ground breaking ceremony for the new library addition was held on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Construction will proceed through three phases and should be completed early next year. Becky circulated building plans for all to view.

**Book Sales:** No book sales will be held this year because of library construction. When they resume they will be held on the second floor.

**Sunday Hours:** Once construction is completed the library will be open on Sundays year round.

**Dine to Donate:** Diane Lameroux introduced the subject of dine to donate fund raising. Following a discussion it was decided because of the current economy we would not approach local restaurants at this time.

**Adjourned:** 11:55 am

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 11:00 am Beaver Creek Reservation