

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING AUGUST 25, 2021**

Called to Order: 11:03 am

Present: Judy Alexander, Maureen Dix, Rebecca Demich, Carol Valenti, Malvine Zatrakka, Laura Delmage, Debbie Waller, Becky Denes, Cookie McLoda, Kay Clark, Holly Mihok, Marilyn Hubbard

Moderator: Carol Valenti

Past Minutes: Malvine Zatrakka made a motion that the past minutes be approved. Judy seconded. Motion carried .

Financial: Checking: \$10,355.67 CD: \$5,924.09 Total Assets: \$16,279.67 Book Box: \$219.67

OLD BUSINESS

New Members: Two new members; Rebecca and Holly were introduced and welcomed.

Community Shred Day: Carol Valenti reported that Shred-It has sent out their new fees for 2022. There is a minimum fee of \$500.00 and \$250.00 fee for use of the truck. The amount that we paid for 2021 was \$674.56 which was \$220.00 more than they charged in 2020. Carol has been investigating other vendors but it is difficult to find one who will shred on site. She found Love to Shred which is a new company with only one employee. Their fee is \$155.00 per hour. Kay Clark made a motion to stay with Shred-It. Cookie McLoda seconded. Following a discussion it was decided to continue with Shred-It for 2022. The motion carried.

Kindergarten Books: Debbie Waller circulated four sample books for 2021 kindergarten reads. Following a discussion Judy Alexander made a motion that "The Doorbell Rang" by Pat Hutchins be selected . Maureen Dix seconded. Motion carried. The cost is \$3.71 each. Debbie will place the order once she receives enrollment figures from the schools. It is not certain at this time if Friends volunteers will be permitted to read the books in person because of COVID regulations. Becky Denes said that the library could make a recording of a reader and send it to the schools if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Donations: Judy Alexander made a motion that the Friends donate \$2,000.00 to the library for the purchase of books for the three book groups. Maureen Dix seconded. Motion carried. Becky Denes stated that many of her adult programs are on hold because of COVID restrictions and library construction. Judy Alexander made a motion that donations for adult programs be tabled for the present. Malvine Zatrakka seconded. Motion carried.

Library Construction: Construction has begun on the library addition. Progress can be followed on You Tube or the library's Facebook page

Wheelchair: It was suggested that the Friends group donate a wheelchair to the library. It will be addressed at a future meeting.

Quarry Bear: Becky Denes reported that the Quarry Bear scavenger hunt was a success. Currently Quarry can be found in various locations in the library wearing his construction vest and hard hat.

Walking on Wednesday: The library is participating with Main Street Amherst's Walking on Wednesday event with the donation of a Relax and Read basket.

Adjourned: 11:50 am

Next Meeting (if needed): September 22, 2021 11:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Dix, Secretary

