

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 2021**

**Called to Order:** 11:07 am

**Present:** Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Judy Alexander, Maureen Dix, Carol Valenti, Kaeth Shaughenssy, Diane Lamoreaux, Sharon Vollmer, Mary Margaret Hyde, Tiffany Beard, Becky Denes, Carol Inniss, Debbie Waller, Marilynn Bronson, Colleen Burman, Bev Paige, Kay Clark, Sandra Ruth, Holly Mihok, Becky Demich

**Moderator:** Sharon Vollmer

**Past Minutes:** Maureen Dix made a motion to accept the September minutes. Cookie McLoda seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial:** Checking: \$8,967.63    CD: \$5,924.09    Total Assets: \$14,891.42    Book Box: \$117.15

New members: Mary Margaret Hyde, Carol Innis, Colleen Burman and Sandra Ruth were introduced and welcomed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Kindergarten Read:** The books have arrived, and thanks to Debbie Waller and Judy Alexander, have been sorted, with bookmarks and name plate stickers being placed in each. Debbie distributed sign up sheets for volunteer readers. They will be reading “The Doorbell Rang” by Pat Hutchins to kindergartners at Powers, Firelands and St. Joseph elementary schools on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. **More volunteer readers are needed.** Anyone interested in reading should contact Debbie at 440-935-5499.

**Book Nook:** Kay Clark reports that book donations are needed to replace depleted supplies in the nook located under the stairs. Please place your donations in the book nook . Do not leave book donations at the circulation desk please. The **library is not accepting book donations at this time** due to construction.

**Community Shred Day:** Carol Valenti reported that she has finally received a definite date for the Annual Community Shred Day. It will be held on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Choir:** Eric Watts, director of The Amherst High School choir was asked by the library and Friends to cosponsor a holiday concert. It will be held on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Location is yet to be determined. The tickets will be free and available at the library. Diane Lamoreaux made a motion that the Friends participate. Debbie Waller seconded. Motion carried.

**Elections 2022 – 2024:** The nominating committee consisting of Barbara Brown and Judy Alexander presented the following slate:

### **Officers**

President: Debbie Waller

Vice President: Carol Valenti

Secretary: Maureen Dix

Treasurer: Marilyn Hubbard

Elections will be held at the November meeting.

### **Committee Chairs**

Membership:

Publicity: Holly Mihok

Hospitality: Cookie McLoda and Judy Alexander

Book Nook: Kay Clark with Tiffany Beard assisting

Bulletin Board and Scrap Book: Tiffany Beard and ?

Library Liaison: Becky Denes

If anyone is interested in any of the offices or chairs, please contact Judy at 440-823-2823.

**Thank You:** A letter was received from library director Don Dovala thanking the Friends for the donation of \$2000.00 to purchase book group books.

**Construction:** Becky Denes reports that library construction Phase I is on track. The foundation has been dug and walls are being removed. The library will be closed next Thursday, November 4th and Friday, November 5th for gas line installation. Full reopening of the library is scheduled for late spring of 2022.

**COVID Test Kits:** Becky reports that free COVID test kits are available at the library. Patrons will need access to a computer and a web cam.

**Historical Society Donation:** Cookie McLoda suggested that the Friends

make a donation to the Amherst Historical Society for the use of their meeting hall. Kaye Clark moved that a \$100.00 donation be made. Diane Lamoreaux seconded. Motion carried.

**Patriot Wall:** Cookie McLoda suggested that the Friends make a contribution to the fund for construction of the Patriots Wall. It will honor Amherst veterans and is being constructed next to the Veteran's Mural on Park Avenue. Debbie Waller moved that we donate \$100.00. Becky Denes seconded. Motion carried.

**Adjourned:** Kaye Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:18 am. Diane Lamoreaux seconded. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** Because of the Thanksgiving holiday the next meeting will be held one week early on **Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 at Amherst Historical Society church building.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
Maureen Dix, Secretary