

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

Called to Order: 11:00

Present: Judy Alexander, Maureen Dix, Sharon Vollmer, Mary Margaret Hyde, Becky Denes, Malvine Zahratka, Carol Valenti, Becky Demich, Debbie Waller, Marilyn Hubbard, Barbara Brown, Sherry Dispenza Holly Mihok, Kaeth Shaughenssy, Diane Lamoreaux, Kay Clark, Bev Paige, Tiffanee Beard, Sandra Ruth

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: Diane Lamoreaux made a motion to accept the past minutes. Kay Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Financial: Checking: \$7,260.08 CD: \$5,924.09 Total Assets: \$13,184.81 Book Box: \$155.27

OLD BUSINESS

Kindergarten Read: Many Friends volunteers read “The Doorbell Rang” by Pat Hutchins to the kindergarten classes in the Amherst Public Library district. By all reports the children and the readers had a great time.

Book Nook: The book nook, located under the stairs, is still in need of donated books. If you have books to donate, please place them on the shelves in the nook. If you cannot do this, but would like to donate, call Kay Clark at 440-988-9633. **Please Do Not Leave Books at the Circulation Desk!**

Choir Concert: The Amherst Steele Choir will present a Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary of Heritage Presbyterian Church. This event is co-sponsored by the Amherst Public Library and the Friends of the Library. Tickets will be available through the library.

Election of Officers: The nominating committee presented the following revised slate of officers for 2022-2023:

President: Cookie McLoda

Vice President: Holly Mihok

Secretary: Maureen Dix

Treasurer: Marilyn Hubbard

Maureen Dix made a motion to accept the committees’ recommendation. Diane Lamoreaux seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Chairs: The following is a tentative listing of committee chairs:

Membership: Holly Mihok

Publicity: Holly Mihok and Becky Denes

Hospitality: Judy Alexander and Carol Valenti

Book Nook: Kay Clark and Tiffanee Beard

Bulletin Board and Scrapbook: Tiffanee Beard
Library Liaison: Becky Denes

NEW BUSINESS

Pavers: Maureen Dix presented an article reporting that Hot Dog Heaven is planning an annual scholarship for a graduating Amherst Steele senior. They are offering pavers, available for purchase to begin funding the scholarship. The pavers will be placed around the new building following completion of construction. Holly Mihok made a motion, seconded by Judy Alexander that the Friends purchase a paver reading "Friends of the Amherst Public Library" for \$200.00. Motion carried. Maureen Dix will follow through.

2022: The first meeting for 2022 will be the annual Friends Luncheon on Wednesday, February 23rd. It will be held at the Historical Society's Sandstone Hall.

Holiday Gifts: Tiffanee Beard suggested that the Friends purchase small holiday gifts for children to be placed in area emergency rooms. It was decided that this idea will be explored in 2022.

Annual Audit: The annual audit of the Friends books will be due in March.

Library Construction: Becky Denes reports that the construction steel has arrived and we will soon be seeing some real progress.

Mural: Becky urged members to check out the Quarry Bear Mural on the second floor of the library. Plans are being made to auction panels. The Friends may be involved.

Essay Contest: Tiffanee Beard suggested that the library hold an essay contest, open to children. The children may write about the mural panels. A small prize could be awarded to each entrant. Becky Denes will take this under consideration.

2022 Author's Luncheon: A discussion was held concerning the possibility of hosting an author's luncheon for 2022. The date of October 20th was chosen. Barbara Brown will check into the availability of the hall at Heritage Presbyterian Church. Maureen Dix will contact Julie Zickefoose (the author who was scheduled and canceled for 2020) to see if she is still available.

Annual Dues: Membership dues for 2022 will be due in January. Forms will be mailed to current members.

Adjourned: 11:45 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at the Historical Society's Sandstone Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Dix, Secretary