

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING, APRIL 27, 2022**

Called to Order: President Cookie McLoda called the meeting to order at 11:19 am

Present: Bev Paige, Kay Clark, Marilyn Hubbard, Diane Lamoreaux, Becky Demich, Carol Valenti, Becky Denes, Holly Mihok, Sandee Ruth, Kaeth Shaughnessy, Cookie McLoda, Barbara Brown, Judy Alexander, Mary Margaret Hyde, Carol Innis, Malvine Zahratka, Sharon Vollmer, Maureen Dix

Past Minutes: Sharon Vollmer moved that the minutes from the March 23rd meeting be accepted. Diane Lanoreaux seconded. Motion carried.

Financial: Checking: \$8,567.25 CD: \$5,924.48 Total Assets: \$14,491.73
The treasurers report was Filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Nook: N/A

Bulletin Board: Carol Valenti reported that the new location for the Friends bulletin board will be in the vestibule entry, off of the parking lot.

Bylaws: President McLoda presented proposed amendments and updates to the current bylaws. She opened the floor for discussion. There was none. Sharon Vollmer moved, seconded by Judy Alexander, that the amendments be accepted. Motion carried.

Hospitality: Judy Alexander reported that Cookie McLoda has secured Sunset Terrace at Lakeview Park as the venue for the 2022 Author Luncheon from 11:00 to 4:30 on October 20th. The fee is \$100.00. Judy has been in discussion with Rachel, caterer for the Metroparks, concerning the menu. The price of admission tickets has yet to be determined.

Library Liaison: Becky Denes reported that the library construction is on schedule with a tentative opening at the end of June. She proposed a possible tour for the Friends at the next meeting. She suggested that the Friends participate in the grand opening festivities by possibly presenting an information/membership booth with literature and/or swag bags.

Becky said that the summer reading program will begin on June 13. The theme this year is "Oceans of Stories."

Membership: Holly Mihok suggested a look back at former members and possibly contacting them about renewing their membership.

Publicity: Holly Mihok will attend the next meeting of Main Street Amherst with Becky Denes. She will present the members with a history of the Friends and will invite them to join. She also will work with Kristin from the library staff to update Friends information on the library website. She would like to post Friends activities on the Activity Calendar and the Community Calendar.

OLD BUSINESS

Shred Day: Carol Valenti confirmed that plans are still going ahead for the Community Shred day scheduled for July 16th from 10:00 – 1:00 in the library parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS

Lifetime Membership: President McLoda presented immediate past president Sharon Vollmer with a certificate for the first lifetime membership in the Friends of the Amherst Public Library. She thanked her for her twelve years of service as president and for her many years of dedicated service to the organization.

Book Sale: A discussion was held concerning holding an October book sale. It was decided that a decision could not be made at this time because of library construction.

Historical Society: A representative from the Amherst Historical Society addressed the group and informed them of upcoming events and activities. She invited Friends members to join the society and to participate.

Adjourn: Sharon Vollmer made a moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 24, 2022, 11:15 am, at the Amherst Historical Society Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Dix, Secretary