

## FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY

### MEETING, JUNE 22, 2022

**Called to Order:** President Cookie McLoda called the meeting to order at 11:15 am.

**Present:** Cookie McLoda, Judy Alexander, Carol Valenti, Becky Demich, Marilyn Hubbard, Holly Mihok, Diane Lamoreaux, Mary Margaret Hyde, Bev Paige, Kay Clark, Malvine Zahratka, Sherry Dispenza, and Barb Brown.

**Past Minutes:** Carol Valenti moved that the minutes from the May 25, 2022 meeting be accepted. Becky Denes Seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial:** Checking: \$8,593.13 CD: \$5,924.63 Total Assets: \$14,517.76

The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Book Nook:** The book nook will be located near the parking lot entrance. Kay and Diane will be organizing the nook for the opening.

**Bulletin Board:** Final location to be determined.

**Bylaws:** No report.

**Hospitality:** No report.

**Library Liaison:** Open house for friends' group and their families will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8. Ribbon cutting event on June 11<sup>th</sup> at noon. Invitations were distributed. Please RSVP for the open house by June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership:** Membership forms have been updated. Packet of new member welcome information created that includes a thank you card, bookmark, form to identify area of volunteer interest, helpful information for new members and bylaws. Will have membership drive at the library reopening. Meeting to brainstorm membership campaign will be rescheduled for August after the reopening. More help is needed for this committee, if you are interested, let Holly know.

**Publicity:** Attended Main Street Amherst June general meeting. Shared overview of friends group, distributed membership forms. Asked for their support of the friends group. It was reported that one business, Pogie's Catering joined. Also shared information and membership forms at the Library Booth at Walking on Wednesday. Information on the Shred-It event is on the Friends event page and was emailed to the Amherst News Times. More help is needed for this committee, if you are interested, let Holly know.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Shred Day:** Will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-1:00 in the library parking lot. Signs going up around July 9<sup>th</sup>. There was a motion by Sharon Vollmer and second by Diane Lamoreaux to donate \$150 to the Boy Scouts for their help. Motion carried.

**Author Luncheon:** Judy shared they will be working on the menu. Author confirmed attendance and her requirements. Discussed ticket pricing and attendance at prior event two years ago. Ticket price was \$20 and 145 tickets were sold. A \$463 profit was made.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Insurance Coverage:** Discussion of insurance coverage for Friends' volunteers at events that are held at other locations. Judy Alexander will follow up and report back.

**Library reopening staff appreciation gift:** Discussed purchasing gift cards for Amherst restaurants for 27 staff members to show our appreciation for their efforts during the renovation. A motion was made by

Carol Valenti and amended by Holly Mihok to purchase \$30 in restaurant gift cards for each staff member. Seconded by Becky Demich. Motion carried. Judy Alexander will purchase the gift cards from various Amherst restaurants and give to Holly Mihok for presentation to the staff at their July 5<sup>th</sup> in service meeting.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Marilyn Hubbard. Seconded by Holly Mihok. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am at the newly renovated library in the community room.