

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
JULY 27, 2022

Called to Order: 11:15 am

President: Cookie McLoda

Present: Mary Margaret Hyde, Sharon Vollmer, Diane Lamoreaux, Barbara Brown, Caroline Powley, Becky Denes, Sherry Dispenza, Carol Valenti, Kay Clark, Sandee Ruth, Bev Paige, Holly Mihok, Debbie Waller, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Maureen Dix

Past Minutes: Diane Lamoreaux moved that the past minutes be approved. Sharon Vollmer seconded. Motion carried.

Financial: Checking: \$8,593.13 CD: \$5,924.63 Total Assets: \$13,508.80

The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: A note from Nancy Tomek was read thanking the Friends for gift cards and breakfast snacks. These items were presented to the library staff in appreciation for their hard work during the library renovation and addition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Nook: Kay Clark reported that the committee likes the new location for resale books. The library has begun accepting donations for future Friends used book sales.

Bulletin Board: Becky Denes reported that the Friends bulletin board will be installed in the main entrance way. It was decided that it should match other bulletin boards in the library.

Hospitality: Judy Alexander reported that plans are underway for the October 20th Author Luncheon. She has been in contact with Rachel from the Metroparks concerning the menu. It will consist of chicken salad sandwiches, fruit cups, a dessert tray and beverages. Avocado wraps will be the vegetarian option. The cost is \$10.00 per serving. Round tables seating eight each are available. It was decided to keep the cost of tickets at \$20.00. Along with Judy and co-chair, Carol Valenti, Barbara Brown and Sherry Dispenza volunteered to serve on the committee.

Library Liaison: Becky Denes stated that the library dedication and open house was a smashing success.

Membership: Holly Mihok reported that a membership drive was held during the library open house. Fifteen new members joined. She thanked Judy Alexander and Malvine Zahratka for their help. Holly also attended a Main Street Amherst meeting as well as July's, *Walking on Wednesday*. Five more members were added. She suggested that membership forms may be added to the Friends section of the library web site,

Publicity: Holly Mihok reported that 27 gift cards were presented to library staff members. She stated that October 10 – 16 is *National Friends of the Library Month*. Suggestions for an activity are welcome. Holly has created a Friends of the Amherst Public Library Facebook page.

@friendsamh.oh.publib She welcomes members to share ideas/suggestions/photos. Email items to her at **hmihok1@oh.rr.com**.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Shred Day: Carol Valenti reported that the Annual Community Shred Day was a success, but that the price has drastically increased. A gasoline surcharge of \$200.00 plus other fees added to the invoice brought the total to \$924.08! A discussion was held as to whether to continue with this project. Becky Denes suggested that the library could cosponsor the event in 2023 and would pay half of the cost. Sharon Vollmer moved to continue Shred Day and share the cost with the library. Holly Mihok seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

New Member: New member Caroline Powley was recognized, introduced and welcomed.

Quarry Bear: The Friends paid \$50.00 for the appearance of Quarry Bear at the dedication and open house. Sharon Vollmer moved and Diane Lamoreaux seconded that an amount, yet to be determined, be added to the budget to cover annual costs for Quarry Bear. Motion passed.

Pack the Backpack: Cookie McLoda presented the idea of working with the Amherst Police and Fire Departments to sponsor a Pack the Backpack event on August 17 from 4:00 to 7:00. It will be held on the library property. The Friends agreed to participate on an individual basis.

Kindergarten Books: Debbie Waller will contact Scholastic Books for five sample books to present at the next Friends meeting. Approximately \$1500.00 was spent in 2021 for this project. It is expected that the cost for fall of 2022 will be at least \$2000.00. Kay Clark moved that Friends provide a book for each kindergartner in the library service area in 2022. Maureen Dix seconded. Motion carried.

Budget: A suggestion was made that the Friends develop a budget. Treasurer Marilyn Hubbard, President Cookie McLoda and Vice President Holly Mihok will meet to work on this.

Closet: The Friends have been assigned a storage closet located off of the DeLloyd Room. It will need to be cleaned, painted and have shelves installed.

Adjourn: Sharon Vollmer moved to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 12:16 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 11:15 in the library community room

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Dix, Secretary

Proposed addendum: In July 2022, on Shed Day over 7,500 pounds of paper were collected and shred. In 2018, the total was 8,300 pounds and in 2019, 8,400 pounds. Marilyn Bronson has made arrangements each year with Scout Troop 494, from Heritage Presbyterian, to help with shredding by collecting the shredding from each car and dumping it into the shredding bins. Friends have made a donation to the Scouts for this service.