

# Friends of Amherst Public Library

## Minutes for August 24, 2022

**Called to order:** 11:15 a.m.

**President:** Cookie McLoda

**Present:** Holly Mihok, Malvine Zahratka, Carol Valenti, Becky Demich, Victoria Mowcomber, Sherri Dispenza, Bev Paige, Kay Clark, Debbie Waller, Carol Inniss, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Sharon Volmer, Judy Alexander, Mary Margaret Hyde, Marilyn Bronson, Barbara Brown.

**Past minutes:** Becky Demich moved that the past minutes be approved. Debbie Waller seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial:** Checking: \$8131.67. CD: \$5924.68. Total Assets: \$12,082.27. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Correspondence: None**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Book Nook:** Kay Clark reported that Friends have collected \$50 this month from the used book sale in the Book Nook. Any donated books should be dropped off at the circulation desk. Librarian Mary Geer will review donated materials for their condition and appropriateness before boxing them for the book sale collection.

**Bulletin Board:** Carol Valenti reported that the bulletin board is not set up yet.

**Bylaws:** Cookie McLoda and Judy Alexander are working on revisions and will present them to the group in the near future.

**Hospitality:** The author lunch, featuring Julie Zickefoose, will be held Thursday, Oct. 20, at Sunset Terrace Cafe at Lakeview Park. Becky Demich will donate baskets to raffle, along with a piece of artwork related to birds and a third item as yet to be determined. Cookie McLoda volunteered to be in charge of bird-themed table decorations. Ticket cost will be \$20. Judy Alexander reported that tickets will be ready by the September Friends meeting. Holly Mihok reported that ads will be available to purchase in the program and will be priced according to the size of the ad. The program probably will be printed on 8x11 paper. Cookie McLoda suggested that ads could be printed on a placemat at each place setting.

**Library Liaison:** no report

**Membership:** New member Victoria Mowcomber was welcomed. Holly Mihok reported that membership forms are now available in the Book Nook. There are plans to place the form on the Facebook page. We presently have 101 members.

**Publicity:** Holly Mihok reported that the Facebook page is now up. Information on Shredding Day and Pack the Backpack was posted along with a reminder about today's meeting. She advised that Facebook users should go to the Friends' Facebook page and Share it to increase visibility

### OLD BUSINESS

**Pack the Backpack:** Cookie McLoda thanked everyone who helped to make this event a success. She thanked and wrote notes of appreciation to the Fire and Police Departments and the Amherst Utilities Department for their assistance with the collection of donated school supplies. Powers School Principal Brian Teppner and his wife helped unload the supplies. Mr Teppner thanked the Friends and the citizens for the overwhelming response of school supply donations. There are still monetary donations to give to the Powers PTO.

**JanWay plastic bags:** A discussion was held about replacing the blue plastic bags that are used at the circulation desk during inclement weather. The library staff report that the patrons like the bags because they are water resistant and puncture proof. The costs have nearly doubled since last year's purchase. The quoted cost for reordering 1500 bags is \$1068 with \$108 of that cost being shipping. Cookie McLoda generously offered to donate \$500 toward the purchase of the bags. Sharon Vollmer moved and Becky Demich seconded to purchase the bags again. Motion carried. Maureen Dix handle will handle ordering. **(And Thank You, Cookie, for the donation!)** These bags will not be used for purchases made at the Fall Book Sale.

**Fall Book Sale:** Judy Alexander reported that the Library Community Room has been reserved for the first week in November for the sale. She reported that this is the Friends major fundraiser. Set up will be Wednesday, Nov. 2,. Thursday, Nov. 3, will be a sale day for Friends members only, with Friday Nov. 4, and Saturday, Nov. 5, for the public during the library open hours. Nancy Tomek, Youth Services manager, has young people who can assist with the setup. Malvine Zahratka moved and Judy Alexander seconded to accept this plan. Motion carried.

**Closet:** Judy Alexander reported that Friends have been given a storage closet in the DeLloyd Room and that the closet has been emptied and painted. Shelves will be built to hold boxes and supplies. Several boxes of old treasurer's documents that are currently stored in Marilyn Hubbard's garage will be moved to the storage closet after unnecessary records are shredded.,

**Budget:** A budget will be prepared by Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Judy Alexander and Sharon Vollmer. When finished, the budget will be presented to the Board for approval.

**Kindergarten Books:** Debbie Waller reported that Scholastic Books sent five different sample titles from which to select one for distribution to kindergarteners in Amherst, St Joseph's School, and Firelands Schools. The cost is \$3.96 per book. Debbie will get final enrollment figures from the schools in mid September. Last year's cost was \$1662 for 405 books. Judy Alexander moved, and Kay Clark seconded to purchase the books this fall. Motion carried. It was determined that due to experience and expertise in the field of elementary education, that Debbie Waller will make the final decision on the title to be purchased.

**Community Involvement:** Cookie McLoda asked the members to think about other ways to involve the community with the library and its programs..

**Adjourn:** Sharon Vollmer moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at noon.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 11:15 AM in the library Community Room.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Carol Inniss, substitute