

## **Friends of Amherst Public Library Meeting September 28, 2022**

**Called to order:** 11:21 a.m.

**President:** Cookie McLoda

**Present:** Carol Inniss, Marilyn Bronson, Barbara Brown, Victoria Mowcomber, Carol Valenti, Sharon Vollmer, Judy Alexander, Tami Selent, Kay Clark, Sandee Ruth, Mary Margaret Hyde, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Carol Hutner, Debbie Waller, Becky Demich, Kathy MacLean.

**Past minutes:** There is a correction to the Treasurer's report for last month. The Total Assets should have been \$12,982.27 with \$87 in the book box.

Sharon Vollmer moved that the past minutes be approved. Marilyn Bronson seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial:** Marilyn Hubbard reports: checking: \$8131.67. CD: \$5924.78. Total Assets: \$13,132.37. A memorial donation of \$100 was made to the Friends for Joyce Truskot from her family as she was a longtime member.

**Correspondence:** None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget:** Judy Alexander, Marilyn Hubbard and Cookie McLoda are working on the budget for 2023 and it will be presented at the next meeting.

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

**Bylaws:** Cookie McLoda and Judy Alexander have completed an evaluation of the bylaws and they were presented to the group with changes in red. Becky Demich made a motion to accept the bylaws with these changes. Carol Valenti seconded and the motion passed.

**Book Nook:** Kay Clark reports that Holly Mihok is working on publicity for the Book sale by using Social Media. Holly has also made plans with the library staff to have teen volunteers work at a scheduled drop-off time to remove donations from people's cars. Set-up for the sale will be 11/2/22, with sale to Friends members on 11/3/22, then to the public on 11/4 and 11/5/22.

**Hospitality:** Judy Alexander has the tickets today for the Author Luncheon and explained the process for purchasing. The tables will hold 8. She will set up the sound system at the venue. Holly Mihok is publishing the information about the lunch through social media. The information is also on the electronic board inside the library. Becky Demich has raffle baskets ready to go. Cookie McLoda showed some table decorations that she made using coffee mugs, flowers and birds. The publisher of Ms. Zickefoose's books will have a table at the luncheon and will handle those sales. Judy and Becky will sell raffle tickets. Sharon Vollmer is donating a \$25 gift card for Panera for one of the baskets. We will need people to take tickets at the door. Set up will be at 11:00 AM.

Sharon Vollmer will send a card to the family of Joyce Truskot.

**Library Liaison** no report

**Membership:** Carol Inniss reported for Holly Mihok that we have 3 new members since the last meeting making our total 104.

**Publicity:** Carol Inniss reported for Holly Mihok. Advertising for the author lunch is ongoing. The intern from Main Street Amherst hand-delivered flyers seeking ads to downtown

businesses. We have received two paid ads from Edward Jones and Watson Wellness for a total of \$100. Sal and Al's is making an in-kind donation. The advertising information has been posted on the Facebook pages for Friends, Amherst City, Apple Orchard Community and Amherst Public Forum. She has also emailed three current business members about the opportunity to advertise in the luncheon program.

Event and ticket sales information has been made available on the library website and on the Friends portion of the library website. Information has been posted on the following Facebook pages: Friends, Amherst City, Amherst Public Formu, Birding Lorain County, Apple Orchard Community, Amherst Garden Club.

Holly will be meeting with Kay Clark next week to discuss advertising for the upcoming book sale. There will be a Membership/PR committee meeting next week to plan for the book sale.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**JanWay plastic bags** have arrived and are at the library desk for patrons who check out many items at a time.

**Closet:** Judy Alexander reports that it is already in use and invited members to go see how nice it is. There are presently books for the sale, coffee pots and water jugs, among other things stored.

**Kindergarten Books:** Debbie Waller reported that the books have arrived. The book will be Going Places by Peter and Paul Reynolds. The tentative dates for reading to kindergarteners at Powers, St. Joseph's and Firelands will be 11/9 or 11/10/22 around 9:00 AM. Debbie is awaiting the schools to confirm which date they would like. She passed around a sign up sheet for readers. Victoria Mowcomber volunteered to read at St. Joseph's. There are 12 homerooms at Powers and 6 at Firelands.

### **Community Involvement:**

**Adjourn:** Sharon Vollmer made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

**Next Meeting:** 10/26/22 at 11:15 AM at the Library Community Room.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Carol Inniss, substitute