

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY  
NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

**Called to Order:** 11:15 am

**Present:** Jackie Fedako, Carol Inniss, Carol Hutner, Marcia Kubach, Kathy McLean, Laurie Laubacher, Kathy Michaels, Debbi Pelton, Marilyn Bronson, Victoria Mowcomber, Patti Drew, Malvine Zahratka, Carol Valenti, Judy Alexander, Kay Clark, Sherry Dispenza, Sandee Ruth, Diane Lamoreaux, Sharon Vollmer, Becky Denes, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Maureen Dix

**President:** Cookie McLoda

**Past Minutes:** Diane Lamoreaux made a motion to accept the past minutes. Marilyn Bronson seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Checking: \$4297.85 CD: \$5,924.88 Total Assets: \$10,222.74 Book Nook: \$47.00.

**Library Liaison:** Becky Denes stated that the bulletin boards have arrived and will be installed soon. One side will be for the library and the other side for the Friends. She is working on a calendar which should be ready after Thanksgiving. It will include adult activities such as chair yoga and afternoon and evening crafts.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Book Nook:** Kay Clark reports that the book nook brought in \$47.00 for October.

**Book Sale:** Judy Alexander reported that the book sale made \$1,270.00 for the Friends. She said that boxes of leftover books are in our storage closet. She is looking for organizations that may want them, She, also, requested that in the future a couple of days be made available for set up. Becky Denes stated that there may be a whole week available for the next book sale. Judy reported that the teen volunteers were very helpful with setting up and assisting customers with purchases. Cookie thanked all the Friends who worked to make the book sale a success.

**Hospitality:** It was suggested that instead of having a Christmas luncheon for members that we host a Friends Open House. It would be a chance for members to meet, greet and socialize. Tea, coffee, and cookies would be served. Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 to 6:00 was selected. Volunteer bakers will be needed. Contact Judy Alexander if interested in baking.

**Membership:** Holly Mihok reported that eight new members have joined since the October meeting bringing the total membership to 115. A membership survey was sent to gather program ideas for 2023. Membership renewals can be dropped off at the library.

**Publicity:** Holly Mihok reported that there has been an increase in Facebook followers, up from 53 to 79. Facebook posts included: a sneak peak of book sale items, a live video during the book sale, thank you and recap of book sale results, November meeting reminder and photos of Friends reading to Firelands kindergartners.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Kindergarten Read:** The kindergarten read program went well, with both teachers and children enjoying the visits and books from the Friends. Several thank you notes have been received

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Office on Aging:** Cookie McLoda made available a wish list from the Amherst Office on Aging for anyone who would like to contribute to goody bags for seniors. Judy Alexander will email the list to Friends membership.

**Adjourned:** Sharon Vollmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at noon.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023, in the library at 11:15 am.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Maureen Dix, Secretary