

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2022**

Called to Order: 11:23 am

Present: Becky Denes, Laurie Laubacher, Carol Hutner, Marcia Kubach, Sandra Ruth, Kay Clark, Bev Paige, Sherry Dispenza, Judy Alexander, Sharon Vollmer, Caroline Powley, Victoria Mowcomber, Becky Demich, Diane Lamoreaux, Barbara Brown, Kathy Michaels, Marilyn Bronson, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Holly Mihok, Carol Valenti, Carol Inniss, Maureen Dix

President: Cookie McLoda

Past Minutes: Sharon Vollmer moved and Judy Alexander seconded that the past minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checking: \$7,953.83 CD: \$5,924.83 Total Assets: \$13,878.19 Book Nook: \$87.00

Correspondence: A thank you note, including a class picture, was received from the kindergarten class at St. Joseph school, thanking Victoria Mowcomber for reading to them and presenting them with books.

Library Liaison: Becky Denes reports that she publishes a monthly library newsletter and a weekly roundup of events. The newsletter can be found on the library website. Contact her at bdenes@amherstpubliclibrary.org to receive the weekly email roundup.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Nook: Kay Clark reports that donations have been coming in.

Book Sale: Judy Alexander reports that there are plenty of books for the November book sale. She circulated a sign up sheet for volunteer workers. Help is needed for the Thursday morning set up. Members can also sign up to work via a schedule on Sign Up Genius. Thursday afternoon and evening will be a members only sale, New members may sign up at the sale. Friday and Saturday are open to the public with scanners being permitted on Saturday. There was a discussion as to what bags to use for the Saturday fill-a- bag sale as we are no longer using the blue plastic bags due to cost (70 cents each). Contacting local grocery stores for donations of paper bags was suggested. The remaining unsold books will have to be moved/removed by 10:00 on Monday morning as the room will be used for another event. Volunteers will be need at 8:00 Monday morning. The person/organization that used to collect unsold books can no longer be contacted so there was a discussion as to what to do with them. Contacting to prison was one suggestion.

Budget: The budget committee presented a proposed budget for 2023. Debbie Waller moved that the budget be approved, Becky Demich seconded. Motion carried.

Bulletin Board: Becky Denes reported that the Friends bulletin board is being purchased this week and should be installed by the end of November. It will be black and silver.

Bylaws: No changes.

Kindergarten Books: Debbie Waller reported that volunteers will be reading at Powers on November 16th and Firelands on November 17th . She asked for permission to purchase 33 additional books due to increased enrollment. Permission was granted. She has placed labels and bookmarks in all of the books.

Author Luncheon: The Author Luncheon was a success and everyone enjoyed author Julie Zickefoose. A net income of \$617.00 was made in part due to sponsors and donations of raffle items. Cookie thanked all of those who contributed to the success of the event.

Membership: Holly Mihok reported that there are five new members since September, bringing total membership to 107. She will be sending a survey for possible library programs. She requests that members complete the survey. She plans to recruit new members at the book sale. Carol Innis displayed a poster that she had Downtown Direct make. It will be used at many Friends events to encourage membership. Holly states that she will begin membership renewals after the book sale.

Publicity: Holly Reported that the Friends have 53 Facebook followers. Posts since the last meeting have included: requests for book sale book donations, a thank you to sponsors of the Author Luncheon (Edward Jones, Amherst, Watson Wellness, and Sal & Al's), October meeting invitation and a recap of the Author's Luncheon with pictures.

Book Sale Publicity: Holly has sent notices to www.booksalefinder.com, the library website and Friends page, Mag screen in library, First Federal's neon sign, and the Chronicle, Journal and News Times. She will post on the Friends Facebook page and others on Thursday and is planning a Facebook Live event at the book sale.

Community Shred Day: Carol Valenti reported that she has booked Lorain County Solid Waste Management for the Annual Community Shred Day on Saturday, July 16th from 9:00 am until noon or when the truck is full. There is no cost to the Friends for this event!

NEW BUSINESS:

Changing Date: Sharon Vollmer made a suggestion that the Author Luncheon be moved to September because of the closeness to the Fall Book Sale. Her suggestion will be taken under consideration.

2023 Calendar: A calendar of events for 2023 will be presented at the November meeting.

Book Group Books: Barbara Brown made a motion that the Friends contribute \$2000.00 to the library for the purchase of book group books for a 2023. Marilyn Bronson seconded. Motion carried.

Rolling Signs: Becky Denes asked if we would like the rolling signs to be placed at the library entrances during the book sale. The answer was yes.

Christmas Luncheon: Since there will be no meeting in December a suggestion was made that there be a Christmas luncheon for members. Cookie will look into this.

Main Street Amherst: Holly Mihok made a motion that the Friends join Main Street Amherst for an annual fee of \$100.00. She stated that it would provide 10,000 Facebook followers. Maureen Dix seconded the motion. Becky Denes stated that she routinely attends the meetings and would represent us. Motion carried.

Defibrillator: Cookie commented that Don Dovolva would like the Friends to purchase an additional defibrillator for the library. He will provide details and cost.

New Members: New members Marsha Kubach, Carol Hutner and Laurie Laubacher were welcomed.

Adjourned: Sharon Vollmer made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Adjourned at 12:38 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 11:15 in the Community Room.
This is one week earlier because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Dix
Secretary