

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY 25, 2023

Called to Order: 11:15a

Present: Cookie McLoda, Marilyn Hubbard, Laurie Laubacher, Holly Mihok, Carol Valenti, Sherry Dispenza, Patti Drew, Jackie Fedako, Victoria Mowcomber, Carol Hutner, Becky Demich, Diane Lamoreaux, Sandra Ruth, Debbie Waller, Kay Clark, Kathy Michaels, Marilynn Bronson, Judy Alexander, Colleen Burman, Becky Denes, Mary Margaret Hyde, Liz Hui.

President: Cookie McLoda

Past Minutes: Marilynn Bronson made a motion to accept the past minutes. Kay Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard presented Annual Report 2022. Total Income 2022: \$6599.50, Total Outflow 2022: - \$9141.59, Net Total: -\$2542.09; Balance 1/1/22: \$8544.21, Net 2022: -\$2542.09, Balance 1/1/23: \$6002.12; CD. Term of 5 years at 5/3 Bank: Balance 1/1/22: \$5924.09, Balance 1/1/23: \$5924.98, Net 2022: \$0.89; Total Assets 1/1/23: \$5924.98.

Library Liaison: Becky Denes and Carol Valenti reported that Friends purchased 2 bulletin boards. One board was damaged, returned and reordered. One board was installed in the first floor entrance and displays photos and announcements for Friends activities. February library programs will include music, NASA, Tiny Art Show, and food donation box for MLS Eco League.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Nook: Kay Clark and Marilyn Hubbard reported: November sales \$103.34, December sales \$63.25

Book Sale: Judy Alexander reported that the community continues to donate used books. Spring Book Sale is scheduled for May 16-20, 2023.

Budget: Cookie McLoda reviewed 2023 Budget. Expenses totaled \$7050.00. Income totaled \$6750.00. Net loss \$300.00. Discussion regarding ways to reduce expenses included eliminating Blue Bag purchase and February Annual Luncheon. Discussion regarding ways to increase income included the fact that Amazon Smile will discontinue in February.

ByLaws: Cookie McLoda reported that there were no changes to bylaws since November 2022 meeting.

Hospitality: Holiday Mingle is scheduled for 12/7/23, 4p to 6p.

Membership: Holly Mihok reported that Friends currently has 96 members, 23 members from 2022 did not renew, 3 new members, 1 renewal. Thank you notes were sent to members who renewed and made donations. Welcome to new members Colleen Burman and Liz Hui. New members will have name plates for future meetings.

Publicity: Marilynn Bronson reported PR on Facebook, mag screen, and Library website included Thank you to business sponsors of the Author Lunch and 2023, photos and info about kindergarten reading, Holiday Mingle invite and photos, membership renewal, Book Nook, event for today's meeting, holiday postings to maintain visibility.

Special Events: Judy Alexander resigned her position with the Library Board. Liz Hui will fill the Library Board position.

Old Business: We need more 8ft tables. Shred It is scheduled for July 15th, 9a to 12p. Boy Scouts receive \$150.00 for their assistance. Donation jar cannot be passed around due to tax ramifications. Second Floor Conference Room will be divided for use by more than one activity group.

New Business: Librarian Nancy Tomek explained Summer Reading Program Grant from Dollar General. Diane Lamoreaux made a motion to allow the use of Friend's 501C3 for the grant application Debbie Waller 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Laurie Laubacher volunteered to help write the grant. Friends will be listed as a sponsor of the Summer Reading Program if we win the grant.

Adjourned: Diane Lamoreaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Becky Demich seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:10p.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 22, 2023, in the library at 11:15a.

Respectfully submitted: Victoria Mowcomber due to the illness of Maureen Dix.