

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

**Called to Order:** 11:23 am

**Present:** Cookie McLoda, Becky Denes, Mary Margaret Hyde, Kathy Michaels, Barbara Brown, Marilyn Bronson, Laurie Laubacher, Holly Mihok, Jackie Fedako, Victoria Mowcomber, Carol Innis, Kathy McLean, Malvine Zahratka, Liz Hui, Carol Hutner, Sandra Ruth, Diane Lamoreaux, Becky Demich, Judy Alexander, Maureen Dix  
President: Cookie McLoda

**Past Minutes:** Diane Lamoreaux requested a correction of the previous minutes to read: "Library purchased bulletin board." Marilyn Bronson made a motion to correct the minutes. Judy Alexander seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Checking: \$6,989.12 CD: \$5,925.03 Total Assets: \$12,914.15 Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Correspondence:** A letter was received from the Amherst Office on Aging thanking Friends members for their donation of items for Christmas gift bags.

**Library Liaison:** Becky Denes reported that the library is planning an all-ages tea for September. It will be apple themed. A tap-dancing class is scheduled for March 31. Chair yoga will be held on Fridays in April. Craft programs will be announced on March 1<sup>st</sup>. United Way is promoting "Change the Cycle" and the library will participate by placing menstrual materials in the first-floor restroom. No dates have yet been selected for the fall book sale.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Book Nook:** February contributions totaled \$106.00.

**Book Sale:** Judy Alexander reports that donations for the Spring book sale continue to pour in. Becky Denes stated that the meeting room will be available for the entire week of the sale.

**Budget:** The annual staff appreciation luncheon was removed. Amazon has discontinued donations to organizations. The December tea was added to the budget. The annual sum of \$100.00 was added to the Sunshine Committee budget to cover the cost of cards and postage. The sum of \$100.00 annually was add for the Boy Scouts for shred day.

**Bulletin Board:** The bulletin board has been installed.

**By Laws:** President McLoda presented a list of proposed additions and/or revisions for the bylaws. Revisions include, dues increase, annual audits, creating a Bulletin Board Committee, Sunshine Committee, Kindergarten Read Committee, Shredding Committee, Pack the Backpack Committee, and a December tea. Amending the bylaws requires a 30-day notice. Voting on the proposed changes will take place at the March 23 meeting.

**Hospitality:** Judy Alexander reported no activity at this time.

**Membership:** Holly Mihok stated the current membership is 101 members. No new members have joined since last month, but 5 renewals have been received. She reported that she has posted pictures from the last

meeting on the Friends Facebook page and has posted the February membership meeting event.

**Publicity:** Marilyn Bronson stated that the words Amherst Ohio must be used on the link to the minutes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Defibrillator:** Purchasing a second heart defibrillator for the library was discussed. The possibility of obtaining a donation from Northern Ohio Heart was suggested as well as the possibility of obtaining some sort of a grant. No decision was made today.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**New Committees:** President McLoda announced the formation of a Sunshine Committee with Kathy Michaels as chairperson, Bulletin Committee with Carol Valenti as chairperson, Kindergarten Read Committee, Debbie Waller chairperson, Shredding Committee, Carol Valenti chairperson and Pack the Backpack Committee with McLoda as chairperson.

**Fundraising:** Liz Hui presented several ideas for fundraising including T shirts, pop-ups at book sales and a library Christmas ornament.

**Community Foundation:** President McLoda suggested that a representative from the Lorain County Community Foundation be invited to speak at a future Friends meeting.

**Community Read:** Becky Denes will look into the future involvement of a community read.

**Adjourned:** Diane Lamoreaux moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 12:29 pm

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 26, 2023, in the library at 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Dix, Secretary