

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING MARCH 22, 2023

Called to Order: 11:15 AM

Present: Judy Alexander, Marilynn Bronson, Barbara Brown, Colleen Burman, Kay Clark, Becky Demich, Becky Denes, Sherry Dispenza, Maureen Dix, Patti Drew, Jackie Fedako, Marilyn Hubbard, Liz Hui, Carol Hutner, Mary Margaret Hyde, Carol Innis, Diane Lamoreaux, Kathy MacLean, Cookie McLoda, Kathy Michaels, Holly Mihok, Bev Page, Sandee Ruth, Carol Valenti, Malvine Zakratka

President: Cookie McLoda

Past Minutes: Liz Hui moved to accept the minutes from the February meeting. Marilyn Hubbard seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reports: Checking: \$7,146.42 CD: \$5,925.08 Total Assets: \$13,071.50 Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: None

Library Liaison: Becky Denes reported that the April calendar is available via email. ([Click here and enter your email address to join this special mailing list.](#)) Some April events include a chair tap dance class and an Aretha Franklin program. Becky requested on behalf of the youth services department \$275.00 for the rental of a BLUEY costume for use in a children's program. Kathy MacLean moved to fund this program, seconded by Judy Alexander. Motion carried.

Authors Luncheon: Judy Alexander reported that Bob Adamov has been selected as the author for this fall. He is an American mystery writer whose stories are based in the Lake Erie South Bass Island resort town of Put-In-Bay. A contract has been sent to him. The date of the event is Thursday, October 26, 2023 in the Sunset Cafe in Lakeview Park.

Book Sale: The dates for this spring's sale are Thursday, May 18, Friends-only, with May 19 and 20 for the public. Set-up is scheduled for two days prior to the sales. The dates for the 2023 fall book sale are November 2 – 4. The 2024 spring book sale will be May 8 – 10.

Budget: No report.

Bulletin Board: Carol Valenti reports that notices and pictures have been posted. (see the bulletin board in the library foyer)

Bylaws: Refer to Old Business

Hospitality: : No report.

Membership: Holly Mihok reported that currently Friends have 102 members.

Publicity: Marilynn Bronson reports Friends' activities are being posted on the Friends Facebook page.

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Fund Raising: Liz Hui gave a power point presentation covering several ideas for fundraising. These included T Shirts, custom branded products, vinyl stickers, direct online donations, dine-to-donate, donation boxes and raffles or gift baskets at book sales. A discussion followed and she and Becky Denes were asked to investigate designs for T shirts to be presented at the next meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS

Grant: The youth services department, with the help of Friends, has applied for a grant through Dollar General. If received, it would cover the cost for the summer reading program books and prizes for children, ages 0 – 14. The results will be announced in May.

Defibrillator: Library administrator Don Dovala has requested that the Friends consider donating a second defibrillator for the library. The cost would be about \$3,000. The Friends will consider a fundraiser for next winter to help fund this request.

Bylaws: Prospective changes to the bylaws have been published and voting will place at the April 26 meeting.

Committees:

Audit:	Kay Clark, Chair
Authors Luncheon:	Judy Alexander & Carol Valenti, Co-chair
Book Nook:	Kay Clark, Chair
Book Sale:	Judy Alexander & Carol Valenti, Co-chair
Budget:	Cookie McLoda, Chair
Bulletin Board:	Carol Valenti, Chair
Bylaws:	Cookie McLoda, Chair
December Tea:	Vacant, Chair
Fundraising:	Liz Hui, Chair
Kindergarten Reading:	Debbie Waller, Chair
Membership:	Holly Mihok, Chair
Nominating:	Sharon Vollmer, Chair
Pack the Backpack:	Cookie McLoda, Chair
Publicity:	Liz Hui, Chair
Shredding:	Carol Valenti, Chair
Sunshine	Kathy Michaels, Chair

Carol Innis moved to accept the proposed slate. Patti Drew seconded. Motion carried.

Dues: In the proposed bylaws annual dues were being set as follows:

Single	\$15.00
Business	\$30.00
Organization	\$30.00
Family	\$20.00

Judy Alexander presented the results of a survey of 15 Friends organizations in our surrounding area and found that our current dues are in line with most other Friends organizations. Holly Mihok moved that we adopt the following fee structure. Carol Valenti seconded. Motion carried.

Single Friend	\$10.00
Family of Friends	\$15.00
Business Friends	\$25.00
Organization Friends	\$25.00

Very Good Friend	\$50.00
Generous Friend	\$100.00

President McLoda stated that the remaining bylaws changes issues will be voted on at the next meeting.
Marilyn Hubbard moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:12 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 11:15 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Dix, Secretary