

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2023**

Called to Order: 11:20 am

President: Cookie McLoda

Present: Bev Paige, Laurie Laubacher, Kay Clark, Diane Lamoreaux, Barbara Brown, Marilyn Bronson, Kathy Michaels, Sharon Vollmer, Becky Demich, Carol Valenti, Malvine Zakratka, Victoria Mowcomber, Sandra Ruth, Holly Mihok, Maureen Dix, Patti Drew, Angela Cecil, Liz Hui

Past Minutes: Sharon Vollmer made a motion, seconded by Marilyn Bronson, to accept the past minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reports Checking: \$8886.74 CD: \$5925.33 Total Assets: \$14,592.07 Book Box: \$75.00 Bonfire: \$22.75 Paypal \$75.00 Report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: A request was received from the Community Foundation of Lorain County for a donation to Connect to a Cause. Following a brief discussion it was decided that we would not participate.

Library Liaison: Nancy Tomek from Children's Services asked for the loan of teapots for the Fairy Tea Party. She also asked for volunteers for the party. Becky Denes was not present at the meeting as she was representing the library at the Lorain County Fair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Author Luncheon: Carol Valenti stated that there is nothing to report at this time. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 26th at Sunset Terrace in Lakeview Metropark. Speaker: Bob Adamov.

Book Nook: \$75.00 was collected for July. Kay Clark stated that book donations are being accepted.

December Tea: The December tea will be held on Thursday, December 7th in the library.

Fund Raising: Liz Hui reports that she has established a gmail account for the Friends. Donations can be made to the site .Cookie McLoda thanked her for her efforts.

Kindergarten Read: Committee Chair Debbie Waller has take a full time position and will no longer be able to oversee the program. Victoria Mowcomber volunteered to contact her and take over the project.

Membership: Holly Mihok reports two new members bringing the total membership to 117.

Publicity: Holly Mihok reported that her Facebook posts for August included a call for book donations, Shred It Day thank you, Pack the Backpack thank you, August meeting notice and Friends support of Alcohol Alternatives Tasting event.

Nominating Committee: Sharon Vollmer reported that nominations for officers will be accepted in October with elections in November. Any one interested should contact her or Barbara Brown.

Pack the Backpack: Cookie McLoda stated that she was very disappointed in the response for the backpack activity. It was suggested that perhaps next year there may be a collection site on the library lobby instead of in the parking lot.

Community Shred Event: Carol Valenti reported that the date for the 2024 shred event is Saturday, July 13th. She stated that the event thisyear was well attended.

Quarry Bear: Quarry Bear made an appearance at the end of the summer reading party and was well received by the 92 children who attended.

Sunshine Committee: Kathy Michaels reported that a get well card was sent to Wade Hubbard. Marilyn Bronson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kay Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 11:55 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 11:15

Respectfully submitted;

Maureen Dix, Secretary