

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2023**

Called to Order: 11:16 am

Present: Kathy Michaels, Laurie Laubacher, Sandee Ruth, Angela Cecil, Sherry Dispensa, Jackie Fedako, Barbara Brown, Sharon Vollmer, Judy Alexander, Marilynn Bronson, Patti Drew, Malvine Zahratka, Victoria Mowcomber, Holly Mihok, Bev Paige, Kay Clark, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Becky Denes, Maureen Dix

President: Cookie McLoda

Previous Minutes: Sherry Dispensa made a motion, seconded by Marilynn Bronson, that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported: Checking: \$7,530.42 CD: \$5,925.19 Total Assets: \$13,456.19 Book Box: \$84.00 Report was filed for audit.

Library Liaison: Becky Denes reported that some upcoming programs include a craft swap, canned goods collection, adult and children's crafts and a blood drive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: No Report

Author Luncheon: Judy Alexander reported set up for the luncheon will begin at 10:00. There will be 115 in attendance including the author Bob Adamov, his wife and daughter. The main entree will be either turkey club sandwiches or wraps.

Book Nook: Kay Clark stated that used book donations are still being accepted. The income for September was \$84.00.

Used Book Sale: Judy Alexander reported that volunteer worker signup sheets will be available online via SignUp Genius. Nancy Tomek will recruit teens to help move the boxes of books during set up. Dates for the book sale are: Setup on Wednesday, November 1 and Thursday, November 2. Friends only sale on Thursday, November 2. Open to public, Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4.

Bulletin Board: Carol Valenti has added information about the author luncheon to the bulletin board.

Bylaws: No report

December Tea: Patti Drew stated that she will have details at next month's meeting. All current members are invited.

Fund Raising: Liz Hui reported that one tee shirt has been sold. A \$100.00 donation was received. She is looking into Christmas shirts.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber reported that stickers and bookmarks were placed in the books. Ten volunteers read at Powers on Tuesday, October 24. Both students and volunteers had a

good time. Firelands is scheduled for Friday, October 27. Victoria will read at St Joseph.

Membership: Holly Mihok reported 117 current members.

Nominating: Sharon Vollmer reported that she and Barbara Brown are presenting the following slate for 2024 – 2025: President: Cookie McLoda, Vice President: Carol Hutner, Secretary: Maureen Dix, Treasurer: Marilyn Hubbard. No further nominations were received from the floor. Election of officers will take place at the November meeting. There must be at least twelve members present to hold the election,

Pack the Backpack: Cookie McLoda stated that the event may be held later in the school year inside the library. Victoria Mowcomber suggested that an organization called Donors Choice allows teachers to submit various projects for funding. More information is needed.

Publicity: Holly Mihok stated that she has posted reminders of the Author Luncheon, a call for book donations for the book sale, pictures from the Kindergarten Read and notification of National Friends of the Library Week on Facebook. She will post reminders for the book sale.

Shredding: The annual Community Shred Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 9 – noon.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels reported that she sent get well cards to Wade Hubbard and Ron Dix. Members are asked to let Kathy know anyone needing a card, whether for good or bad news.

OLD BUSINESS

Book Sale: Becky Denes requested that at the end of the book sale all remaining books be placed on the one side of the community room, as there is a meeting scheduled for the other side.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Motion to Adjourn: Kathy Michaels made a motion to adjourn.

Adjourned at 11:45 am

Next Meeting:

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday the next meeting will be held one week earlier, on **Wednesday, November 16th at 11:15.**

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Dix, Secretary