

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBIC LIBRARY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

Called to Order: 11:20 am

Present: Kay Clark, Bev Paige, Sandee Ruth, Victoria Mowcomber, Jackie Fedako, Barbara Brown, Kathy Michaels, Marilynn Bronson, Sherry Dispenza, Becky Demich, Sharon Vollmer, Mary Margaret Hyde, Judy Alexander, Diane Lamoreaux, Carol Hutner, Colleen Burman, Carol Inniss, Malvine Zahratka, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Elizabeth Fought, Maureen Dix, Becky Denes

Past Minutes: Sharon Vollmer made a motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting. Kay Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported Checking: \$9,327.25 CD: \$5,925.38 Total Assets: \$15,252.63 Book Nook: \$106.00 Report was filed for audit.

Library Liaison: Becky Denes reported on upcoming activities scheduled at the library.

Issue 10: Elizabeth Fought from the Citizens for Amherst Schools explained that upcoming Issue 10 will provide needed repairs to the athletic facilities and fund a much-needed replacement to the bus barn.

Issue 23: Cookie McLoda, Metroparks board member, explained that passage of Issue 23 will help with the purchase of an additional 12,000 acres, improvements/addition to Splash Zone, and funds for public programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: No report

Author Luncheon: Judy Alexander will be selling tickets after the meeting, and they will also be available at the circulation desk. Cost is \$20.00.

Book Nook: Kay Clark reported that there are lots of books available and donations of books are still being accepted. Income from last month was \$106.00.

Book Sale: The fall book sale will be held on Thursday, November 2nd for Friends members. Friday and Saturday, November 3rd and 4th will be open to the public from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Judy Alexander will email an online to Signup Genius for volunteer workers. Help will be needed on Wednesday and Thursday for set up and on Monday following the sale for take down. She will contact Nancy Tomek for teen helpers.

Budget: No report

Bulletin Board: Carol Valenti is keeping the Friends bulletin board up to date,

Bylaws: No report

December Tea: No report

Fundraising: Liz Hui has established a Friends email for donations. It is: amherstohlibraryfriends @gmail.com.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber reported that the committee has selected "The Caring Me I Want to Be" by Mary DePalermo as the 2023 kindergarten book. She has ordered 427 books for a total of \$880.00. She will be contacting the schools to set up reading dates. Volunteer readers will be needed. Becky Denes will print book marks and Judy Alexander will print stickers. Marilynn Bronson made a motion that we spend \$880.00 for the books. Diane Lamoreaux seconded. Motion carried.

Membership: No report

Nominating: Sharon Vollmer reported that she is currently contacting members with regards to running for office. She will present a list of candidates at the October meeting.

Pack the Backpack: Cookie McLoda, stated that the project might be more successful if it is conducted mid-term when supplies tend to be running low.

Publicity: Holly Mihok has been posting notices for the Author Luncheon and Friends meetings.

Shredding: No report

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels was asked to send get-well cards to Wade Hubbard and Ron Dix.

OLD BUSINESS

Judy Alexander stated that because of health issues she will no longer be able to be as involved as she has been. She asked that members step in to help with some of the programs in which she has participated

NEW BUSINESS

Funding for Book Groups: Judy Alexander made a motion that a \$2,000.00 donation be made to the library for the purchase of book group books. Maureen Dix seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourned: Sharon Vollmer moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at noon.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 11:15 am

Respectfully Submitted:
Maureen Dix, Secretary