

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2024**

Called to Order: 11:16 am

Present: Diane Lamoreaux, Carol Hutner, Laurie Laubacher, Malvine Zahratka, Angela Cecil, Patti Drew, Jackie Fedako, Becky Demich, Sharon Vollmer, Judy Alexander, Mary Margaret Hyde, Victoria Mowcomber, Sandee Ruth, Kay Clark, Bev Paige, Kathy Michaels, Becky Denes, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Les Kreeger, Maureen Dix

President: Cookie McLoda

Treasurer's Report:: Treasurer Marilyn Hubbard reports;

Checking: \$ 8,561.07 CD: \$5,972.60 Total Assets: \$14,533.67 Book Box: \$204.00

Report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: None

Library Liaison: Becky Denes reported that the library is working on a new calendar system which should be up and running on February 1st. It will be easier to use. The Tiny Art show will run from February 1st through the 29th. Approximately 100 – 125 artists are expected to participate. Nancy Tomek will be applying again for the Dollar General grant. She has asked to use the Friends tax exempt number. The library will be closed on April 8, 2024 in anticipation of the total eclipse. Eclipse glasses will be available to order on February 2nd with pick up on the 9th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Kay Clark and Bev Paige will be available to conduct the annual audit.

Book Nook: Kay Clark has been unable to service the book nook due to a broken foot.

Book Sale: Judy Alexander stated that the dates for the spring book sale are May 9-11 with setup starting Monday, May 6.

Budget: The 2024 budget will be discussed at the February meeting.

Bulletin Board: The bulletin board in the entrance way has been updated.

December Tea: Cookie McLoda stated that since only current members attend the December Tea it should be discontinued. Other options included having a Christmas luncheon for members or reinstating the Annual Meeting/Luncheon for members.

Fundraising: Liz Hui was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report stating that only two holiday t shirts were sold. She reported that Friends Facebook notices are posted weekly. Plans for a new Friends logo have been tabled.

Kindergarten Read: It was suggested that the kindergarten reading program be moved to later in the school year. Since October has the Author Luncheon and the Fall book sale. Virginia Mowcomber will contact the schools to see what is the best date for the kindergarten classes.

Membership: Carol Hutner reported there are currently 95 members.

Pack the Backpack: Cookie McLoda suggested that the Pack the Backpack event be moved to later in the school year. There are many organizations conducting similar programs in August. Perhaps a program in January when supplies are running low would be more appropriate. The possibility of a food drive was mentioned.

Community Shred: The Community Shred event for 2024 will be held on Saturday, July 14th.

Sunshine Committee: Kathy Michaels reported that she sent a card to Don Dovala on the loss of his brother and will send cards to Marilyn Bronson and Charlene Kalo.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation: Main Street Amherst sent a request for a donation for their Basket Bingo fundraising event. Judy Alexander made a motion that the Friends donate \$200.00. Kathy Michaels seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Staff Appreciation: A suggestion was made that a staff appreciation lunch be held during National Library Workers Week, April 9th. There was some discussion and the matter will be referred to the Hospitality committee.

Kay Clark made a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Adjourned: 12:03 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 11:15 am

Respectfully Submitted:

Maureen Dix, Secretary