

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

March 27, 2024

Called to Order: 11:06 am

Present: Diane Lamoreaux, Carol Hutner, Laurie Laubacher, Angela Cecil, Kathy MacLean, Jackie Fedako, Becky Demich, Judy Alexander, Mary Margaret Hyde, Sandee Ruth, Kay Clark, Bev Paige, Becky Denes, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Sherry Dispenza, Eileen Rockwell

President: Cookie McLoda

Treasurer's Report:: Treasurer Marilyn Hubbard reports;
Checking: \$9821.07 CD: \$6022.20 Total Assets: \$15,843.27

Correspondence: Angela shared a thank you note from Jill Coleman from Powers for the school supplies.

Library Liaison: Becky Denes reported that the library will be closed on April 8th for the solar eclipse. The library has handed out 900 eclipse glasses and will give out the remainder on Friday at 10 am, until gone. Afterwards the glasses can be recycled in a drop box at 239 Market St, at Crocker Park from April 8-14th. The APL will accept them until 4/10.

The library will have a program on Fraud in Today's World at 6:30 pm on 4/1. On 4/10 at 6:30, there will be a program for Preparing for the Unexpected—registration is required. On 4/11 at 2:30 the program is, DIY: Cleaning Supplies. On 4/25 the Lorain Historical Society will do a program on the 1924 tornado at 6:30. On 4/29 at 6:30 the program is called, Savings Basics and the Long Road to Retirement. Becky also said that there are new name tags for Friends in the mailbox.

The July meeting will need to be moved as the fun fair will be in our space. She asked about meeting on 7/17 instead of 7/24.

She will not be available for the April meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Kay Clark reports that audit is done.

Author Luncheon: Laurie Laubacher reports that David Moraldi will be the guest author on October 17th at the Sunset Café.

Book Nook: Kay Clark reports \$92.00 in donations. She said that she is recycling the books.

Book Sale: Judy Alexander stated that the dates for the spring book sale are May 9-11. She sent out an email on 3/26 and is asking people to sign up via SIGNUP GENIUS.

Budget: Approved.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil states that she will change it as needed.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda.

Fundraising: Liz Hui is on vacation-no report.

Kindergarten Reading:

Membership: Carol Hutner reported there are 2 new members, this month

Pack the Backpack: It had been suggested at the January meeting that the Pack the Backpack event should be moved to later in the school year since there are many organizations conducting similar programs in August.

Angela Cecil had reached out to the schools, who said that they use up all their supplies by January, and gave her a list of needed supplies. At the last meeting, several members had donated money, so she bought the following items (totaling 477.88):

300 earbud headphones, 25 1 inch binders, 80 dry erase markers, 48 boxes of 8 count crayons, 360 pencils, 36 packs of 12 colored pencils, 144 eraser tops, 60 glue sticks, 60 pencil pouches, 40 mechanical pencils and 100 2-pocket folders.

Thank you to all who donated-Judy, Carol Hutner, Cookie, Sandee Ruth and Angela.

In January, we will ask for donations for a 100-day restock for school supplies. Becky states that she will place a box near the desk for donations and advertise on Facebook.

Publicity: Liz was not present, but reported via email to Cookie that we have 270 Facebook users. Posted a request for book/media donations and posted a thank you to our business sponsors. (Thank you Carol for helping with this).

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

Sunshine Committee: Kathy Michaels unable to attend meeting

Staff Appreciation: Library appreciation day is 4/9.

Kathy MacLean reported that 27 \$15.00 gift cards were purchased from Olde Town Pizza. They gave us a 10% discount. Marilyn Bronson and Kathy wrote individual thank you notes to each employee, using the list Becky gave us. There was a discussion as to when and how to present them. It was decided to place them in their mailboxes on Friday 4/5, since the library will be closed on 4/8 and Becky will be out of town on 4/9. Barb Brown offered to help with distributing them.

NEW BUSINESS

Judy said that the library received a donation to refurbish the old Carnegie library history room (the Jenkins room). She suggested that we do a fundraiser with the historical society to help with the project. She suggested a trivia night. Sherry Dispenza and Laurie Laubacher offered to work with her. Judy asked anyone else willing to help plan, contact her.

Adjourned: Motion to adjourn by Jackie Fedako and seconded by Becky Demich at 12:12 pm for lunch at Sal & Al's☺

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 24

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathy MacLean