

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
May 22, 2024

Called to Order: 11:10 am

President: Cookie McLoda

Present: Cookie McLoda, Judy Alexander, Marilyn Hubbard, Diane Lamoreaux, Carol Hutner, Eileen Rockwell, Sherry Dispenza, Jackie Fedako, Mary Margaret Hyde, Becky Demich, Les Kreeger, Patti Drew, Marilynn Bronson, Barbara Brown, Victoria Mowcomber, Sandra Ruth, Bev Paige, Kathy Michaels, Kay Clark, Maureen Dix, Angela Cecil, Liz Hui, and Becky Denes

Previous Minutes: Marilynn Bronson made a motion that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved. Patti Drew seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported Checking: \$9,230.70 CD: \$6,070.57 Total Assets: \$15,391.27. Report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: Thank you cards for staff appreciation gifts were received from Melanie Pressler and Theresa DiAsio.

Library Liaison: The Gerstenberger Room is receiving a facelift. Contributions are being sought for carpeting, a large font printer and a scanner. Becky Denes will check with Don Dovala to see if the Friends can participate. Many summer events are being planned. Becky asked if the Friends would be willing to donate \$150.00 to rent a “Bluey” costume for the summer read program. Also needed are donations to purchase books for the Magic Treehouse Book Club. Kay Clark made a motion, seconded by Diane Lamoreaux, to donate \$250.00. Kay then amended her motion to read \$300.00 and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: No report

Author Luncheon: The committee is discussing the menu and the price of tickets.

Book Nook: All books were removed from the book nook prior to the book sale. They have been replaced with new stock. Proceeds from May were \$80.00.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger thanked everyone involved in making the book sale a smashing success. Total proceeds were \$2,583.93! Sandee Ruth was thanked for her suggestion of requesting donations rather than fixing prices for books, etc. Liz Hui was thanked for the publicity on Facebook etc. and for setting up the PayPal account.

Budget: No report

Bulletin Board: No report

Fund Raising

Kindergarten Read: Cookie McLoda and Judy Alexander presented books they purchased from the authors who were present at our book sale. They were Blakes Big Day and The Very, Very Bad Day. It was suggested that they might be considered for the kindergarten read program in October. Valerie Mowcomber will contact the authors to get pricing information.

Membership: Carol Hutner reported one membership renewal and 13 new members from the book sale. Total membership is 118.

Pack the Backpack: It was suggested that a collection box be placed in the library lobby during the month of January to help boost Pack the Backpack. Cookie stated that it will be necessary to change the bylaws to read January instead of August.

Publicity: Liz Hui thanked all those who have “liked” the Friends Facebook page. We currently have 223 followers.

Shred: The Friends annual Community Shred Day will take place on Saturday, July 14.

Sunshine Committee: No report

NEW BUSINESSES

Main Street Amherst: Becky Denes suggested that since the Friends are now members of Downtown Amherst, that we might sponsor a booth at Walking on Wednesday this summer. A \$50.00 deposit is required. She suggested that we request to be placed next to the library booth. We will need to acquire a table, a tent etc. Walking on Wednesday takes place on the second Wednesdays of June, July, August and September from 4:00 to 7:30. Volunteers will be need. Cookie McLoda called for a committee. Volunteers included: Marilyn, Angela, Maureen, Kathy, Les and Patti. Les Kreger made a motion, seconded by Kay Clark, to authorize \$300.00 towards a budget for Walking on Wednesday plus the \$50.00 entrance fee. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Maureen Dix made a motion to adjourn. Adjourned: 12:40 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Dix, Secretary