

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for July 17, 2024

Called to Order: 11:16 a.m.

Present: Bev Paige, Kay Clark, Sandee Ruth, Malvine Zahratka, Barbara Brown, Becky Demich, Sherry Dispenza, Carol Hutner, Angela Cecil, Liz Hui, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Victoria Mowcomber, Les Kreeger

President: Cookie McLoda

Previous Minutes: Kay Clark moved to accept the minutes from the June 26 meeting. Marilyn Hubbard seconded. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

Checking: \$11,111.94

CD: \$6,117.19

Total Assets: \$17,229.13

Book Box for July: \$62.00

Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: None

Library Liaison: Becky thanked the Friends for co-sponsoring the Bluey Field Day program, which went very well. The volunteer who wore the rented costume was great and there were 80 kids plus families in attendance. The youth book club that the Friends is sponsoring is also going well and there are 2 more dates left. There are at least 10 youth per session.

Upcoming events:

- Betty Weibel, the author of "The Ohio Literary Trail", will present on Saturday, July 20 at 2:30 p.m.
- Adjunct LCCC professor Alison McKim will present "Herbs of Summer – Mindful Foraging" at Maude Nieding on August 12. This is an interactive session that will take place at Maude Nieding Park.
- On August 15, the Black River Audubon Society will present "Birding in Lorain County".
- On August 22, Shea Allmont will present "Adventures in Beachcombing", about beach glass.
- The library requested volunteers as Quarry Bear handlers, for the Summer Reading Fun Fair on Wednesday, July 24, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cookie McLoda & Barbara Brown volunteered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: No report.

Author Lunch: Cookie McLoda received a speaker recommendation for the 2025 author's luncheon from Neil Zurcher. Matt Rafferty, from Channel 8, has spoken at other events and has been well-received for his presentations about life as a newscaster for Channel 8.

Cookie McLoda also suggested researching having custom cookies created for the dessert, and will talk to Kiedrowski's. She also saw a library/books-themed purse that could be used as a basket for a raffle. Becky Denes has library swag that can be used for the raffles as well.

Author luncheon tickets are here, and will be available at the end of August. They will be available at the library and from members.

Book Nook: A QR code has been placed by the book nook for online donations if patrons did not bring cash.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger noted that we need more books to be donated. There was discussion about changing the book sale hours on the Thursday to 12-5:00 because of the October 31 start date and potential conflict with Trick or Treat.

Budget: Cookie McLoda presented a new budget to propose an additional up to \$500 toward the 100 Day Restock (formerly Pack the Backpack). Becky Demich moved to approve the new budget. Sandee Ruth seconded. **Motion carried.**

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil updated the board last week and has since removed information about shredding, so all is current.

Bylaws: No report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui reported that the Friends decided to forego the July Walking on Wednesday date due to weather, and WoW was subsequently canceled by 5:00pm that day. Flyers are ready for the August 14 WoW. Sandee Ruth, Carol Hutner, Cookie McLoda, and Les Kreeger will be staffing the August date.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber met with local author Wendy Fedan to discuss using her books this year. There was a discussion about prices of books and a comparison with Scholastic which has been used in the past. The Friends agreed to move forward with Scholastic only, but would like to continue to support local authors by inviting them to participate at book sales.

Membership: Carol Hutner noted that we have 1 new member and total membership is 119.

Nominating: No report.

Pack the Backpack: No report.

Publicity: Liz Hui stated that the next communications to go out will be about the author luncheon. Facebook followers are 353, up from 270 in March.

Shredding: Carol Valenti stated that the Shredding Day went off without a hitch thanks to all our help from the Boy Scout Troop #494. Cars were lined up by 8:20 a.m. and the truck was full shortly after 11:30 a.m. Another Shredding Day will be scheduled for around the same time next year. There was discussion about whether to hold more than one date, but there are other organizations that hold similar events, so it is not needed.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels stated that cards were sent in May to Charlene Kalo and in June to Sharon Vollmer and Mary Geer on her retirement.

Adjourn: Kay Clark moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned: 12:02 PM

Next Meeting: August 28, 2024