

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for June 26, 2024

Called to Order: 11:13 a.m.

Present: Bev Paige, Kay Clark, Sandee Ruth, Malvine Zahratka, Barbara Brown, Marilyn Bronson, Laurie Laubacher, Carol Valenti, Becky Demich, Sherry Dispenza, Jackie Fedako, Carol Hutner, Angela Cecil, Eileen Rockwell, Liz Hui, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Maureen Dix, And, arriving late, Judy Alexander

President: Cookie McLoda.

Previous Minutes: Liz Hui moved to accept the minutes from the May 22 meeting. Becky Demich seconded. **Motion carried.**

Treasurers Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported: Checking: \$11,261.94
CD: \$6,094.90 Total Assets: \$17,356.84 Book Box for June: \$60.00
Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: None.

Library Liaison: Nancy Tomek attended, as Becky Denes was not able to attend. Nancy invited Friends to attend a retirement reception on Thursday, June 27, from 1:00 until 3:00 for Mary Geer, who is retiring at the end of this month. Mary has been instrumental in amassing donations and library discarded books for the Friends book sales along with her other library jobs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Nothing to report.

Author Luncheon: Laurie Laubacher reported the price Friends will be charged for lunches will be the same as last year, \$12.00. Discussion followed about what we should charge per ticket. Sherry Dispenza moved, seconded by Carol Valenti, to increase the ticket price to \$25.00. **Motion failed.**

Barbara Brown moved, seconded by Marilyn Bronson, to keep the ticket price at \$20.00. **Motion carried.**

Book Nook: Kay Clark reported the Book Box income for the month of June was \$60.00. Donations for Book Box items are being accepted.

Book Sale: Books, videos, etc. are being accepted for the fall book sale.

Budget: No report.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil reported that she is in the process of updating the Friends bulletin board.

Fundraising: Liz Hui is exploring options to add merchandise to the Friends Facebook page and other venues. She also stated that members can divert their credit card bonus points to Friends.

Kindergarten Reading: No report.

Membership: Carol Hutner reported that membership remains at 118.

Nominating: No report.

Pack the Backpack: Collections for restocking backpacks will begin in January. Cookie will check with the schools to see what is needed. Angela Cecil moved, seconded by Becky Demich, that \$500.00 be designated in the budget to supplement donations received. **Motion carried.**

Community Shred Day: The Friends annual Community Shred Day will be held in the library parking lot on Saturday, July 13, from 9:00 until noon or whenever the truck is full. The truck holds 7,000 pounds of shredded paper. A check for \$150.00 will be given to the Scouts for their assistance.

Sunshine: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Walking on Wednesday: Liz reported that the Friends first Walking on Wednesday went well. Judy, Bill Marilyn, Cookie, and Les all had an enjoyable evening representing the Friends. Volunteers are needed for future dates.

Adjourn: Liz moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned: 12:00 noon.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be a week early on **Wednesday, July 17, 2024** at 11:15 am. (On our regular meeting date the room is being used for the end of the children's summer reading program.)

Respectfully Submitted:

Maureen Dix, Secretary