

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for August 28, 2024

Called to Order: 11:19 AM

Present: Cookie McLoda, Marilyn Hubbard, Liz Hui, Bev Paige, Kay Clark, Damitajo Peaches Ogbuji, Lila Lewis, Carol Hutner, Becky Demich, Sherry Dispenza, Laurie Laubacher, Eileen Rockwell, Patti Drew, Malvine Zahratka, Jackie Fedako, Victoria Mowcomber, Barbara Brown, Kathy MacLean, Kathy Michaels, Sandee Ruth, Maureen Dix, Becky Denes, Angela Cecil

Previous Minutes: Maureen Dix moved to accept the minutes from the July 17 meeting. Becky Demich seconded.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

Checking: \$11,486.94

CD: \$6,138.84

Total Assets: \$17,386.36

Book Box for July: \$135.50

Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: None

Library Liaison:

Becky Denes reported that the Craft Supply Swap is scheduled for September 7 from 1:00-4:00. Craft supply donations will be accepted beginning Tuesday, September 3 through Friday, September 6. Anyone who donates to the craft supply swap may pick up an early entry ticket to come to the swap on September 7 an hour early. At this time the library will also accept canned goods and food items to be donated.

Yoga & Tai Chi are on hiatus but will return at the end of September.

September is library card sign-up month. To celebrate library card holder appreciation month, 9 local businesses are offering a free gift or discount during the month of September to anyone who shows any version of their library card. Businesses include: Amherst Historical Society, Derek Hamons – State Farm Insurance, Doud's Veterinary Hospital, Etc. Boutique & Gifts, La Plaza Taqueria Amherst, Nicholas John Salon & Boutique / Lolajoy's Powder Room, Puffer's Boutique & Floral, Sandstone Candle Works, and Soul Massotherapy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Kay Clark

No news to report.

Author Lunch: Laurie Laubacher

Tickets are available starting this afternoon at 2:00, at the first floor lobby information desk.

Book Nook: Kay Clark

The book nook took in \$135.50.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger

Cookie McLoda reported that we are now accepting books, media, puzzles, games, etc. for the book sale. Marilyn Hubbard noted that the Vermilion book sale treated the first evening of their sale as a member appreciation night; refreshments were available and there was also a free raffle for members. Marilyn Hubbard moved to offer refreshments (cookies) at the fall book sale during the member preview on October 31; Barbara Brown seconded. **Motion carried.**

Budget: Cookie McLoda

No news to report.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil

Angela will update the board to reflect author luncheon ticket sales, and will publicize the need for book donations.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda

No news to report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui

Main Street Amherst confirmed the Friends is allowed to have a donation bin out at Walking on Wednesday. Walking on Wednesday will need at least 2 more volunteers for the September 11 date.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber

The Kindergarten Reading committee has narrowed down book selection to 3 books but will wait for the next Scholastic catalog to come out in September before making a final decision and ordering. The goal is to schedule reading dates at the Powers, Firelands, and St. Joe's kindergartens during the last 2 weeks of October. Becky Denes will provide APL bookmarks again this year.

Membership: Carol Hutner

Total membership is 119.

Nominating: Sharon Vollmer

No news to report.

100 Day School Restock: Angela Cecil

Will start checking with Powers and St. Joe's teachers about their needs before the holiday break.

Publicity: Liz Hui

The Friends' Facebook followers are at 367, up from 353 in July and 270 in March. Facebook events for the author luncheon and fall book sale are created, and will be updated shortly to reflect ticket sales and a need for book donations, respectively.

Shredding: Carol Valenti

No news to report.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels

Cards were requested for the Teets, Lamoreaux, and Vollmer families. Please let Kathy know if there is anyone who could use a little sunshine mailed their way!

Adjourn: Maureen Dix moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned: 12:10 PM

Next Meeting: September 25, 2024 at 11:15 AM