

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for September 25, 2024

Called to Order: 11:18 AM

Present: Becky Denes, Kay Clark, Diane Lamoreaux, Carol Hutner, Becky Demich, Marilyn Bronson, Angela Cecil, Marcia Kubach, Victoria Mowcomber, Patti Drew, Malvine Zahratka, Carol Inniss, Laurie Laubacher, Barbara Brown, Sandee Ruth, Kathy Michaels, Les Kreeger, Cookie McLoda, Marilyn Hubbard, Liz Hui, Damitajo Peaches Ogbuji

Previous Minutes: Angela Cecil moved to accept the minutes from the August 28 meeting. Kay Clark seconded. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

Checking: \$11,383.02

CD: \$6,161.29

Total Assets: \$17,544.31

Book Box for August: \$67.50

Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: None

Library Liaison:

Becky Denes reported that the October calendar has been published, and most of the November & December programs are up and open for registration; she typically has the calendar out by the 15th-17th of the previous month. Becky also sends out a weekly events email every Saturday morning; those who wish to receive this can opt-in by either emailing Becky directly or checking the monthly email for a link to sign up.

Upcoming programs/events:

Oct 2 at 1pm – Financial Scams and Fraud Against Seniors by Stephen Cutnaw

Oct 10 at 12pm – Red Flags in Real Estate by Jennifer Herron-Underwood

Oct 24 at 7pm – Legends and Lore of Lorain County by local historian Daniel Zaleski

Oct 24 – the Library will sponsor a coloring page in the Chronicle Telegram

Oct 31 – Library is doing the candy chute for Trick or Treat on Thursday 10/31

Becky presented a sponsorship request from Youth Services. "DiNovember" is a one-day dinosaur-related program in which a company brings an animatronic dinosaur that moves, interacts, and growls. DiNovember also comes with puppets, etc. The co-sponsor request is \$250 of the total \$500 cost. Judy Alexander moved to approve the cosponsor request; Angela Cecil seconded. **Motion carried.**

Becky has offered teen volunteers to help move books for book sale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Kay Clark. No report

Author Lunch: Laurie Laubacher. Laurie reported that 88 tickets have been sold so far. The lunch will be chicken salad wraps and individually packaged fall-themed cookies from Cheryl's. Friends who are bringing a raffle baskets should place them on the entry table. Table decorations are all taken care of.

Book Nook: Kay Clark. Kay reported that \$67.50 was collected in August, and the committee will get the book nook restocked.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger. Les noted that we are in need of books for the book sale. A signup sheet to set up the sale, run it, and tear it down will come out shortly. The Friends will continue to ask for donations at the sale instead of setting prices.

Budget: Cookie McLoda. No news to report.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil. Angela reported that the bulletin board has been updated with the author luncheon event, book sale event, and a notice to the public for book sale donations.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda. No news to report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui. No news to report.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber. Victoria reported that the book Madeline Finn & the Library Dog has been chosen for Kindergarten Reading. The Friends will be reading at Powers (10/29 at 9:15), St. Joe's (10/25 at 1:15pm), & Firelands (TBD). The books cost \$2 per copy, about \$900 in total. Judy Alexander will make stickers for the books, and Becky Denes will provide bookmarks.

Membership: Carol Hutner. Carol reported current membership is at 122 members.

Nominating: Sharon Vollmer. No news to report.

100 Day School Restock: Angela Cecil. No news to report.

Publicity: Liz Hui. Liz reported that the Friends' Facebook followers are at 387, up from 367 in August, 353 in July and 270 in March. Communication has gone out for the author luncheon and the book sale.

Shredding: Carol Valenti. Carol has contacted the Lorain County Solid Waste Management Department and has submitted an application for shredding for Saturday, July 12, 2025. A confirmation is expected soon.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels. A sunshine card was requested to be sent to Bev Paige.

Old Business: The Friends recapped the Walking on Wednesday experience this summer. Since the Library already has a space during WoW, some community members appeared confused about both the Friends and the Library taking part, and wondered if there was a "schism". The Friends members who participated mentioned that it was fun to socialize, but agreed that the events did not do much to advance knowledge about the Friends or to gain new members. Becky said that if the Friends decides not to participate next year, she would be happy to have the Friends membership forms on the Library's table. The Friends agreed and are willing to support the Library next year if needed, but will not participate on their own.

New Business:

With everyone's approval, Liz will only bring only a handful of printed prior meeting minutes instead of a full amount; printed agendas will continue.

The Friends agreed to donate the allocated amount toward the adult book club.

Barbara Brown encouraged everyone to attend evening programs. She noted that the program lineup has been tremendous and there are plenty of seats available for most programs. Please share with your friends and family!

Adjourn: Kay Clark moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned: 12:06 PM

Next Meeting: October 23, 2024 at 11:15 AM