

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for November 20, 2024

Called to Order: 11:15 AM

Present: Les Kreeger, Bev Paige, Kay Clark, Kathy Michaels, Marcia Kubach, Carol Inniss, Marilyn Bronson, Barbara Brown, Angela Cecil, Rhonda Neuhoff, Barbara Neuhoff, Victoria Mowcomber, Malvine Zahratka, Eileen Rockwell, Laurie Laubacher, Sherry Dispenza, Carol Hutner, Sandee Ruth, Judy Alexander, Becky Denes, Maureen Dix, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Liz Hui

Previous Minutes: Kay Clark moved to accept the minutes from the September 25 meeting. Marilyn Hubbard seconded.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

September 2024 (no meeting in October)

Checking: \$9,775.87

CD: \$6,183.82

Total Assets: \$15,959.69

Book Box for September: \$100

October 2024

Checking: \$10,190.87

CD: \$6,205.71

Total Assets: \$16,396.58

Book Box for October: \$53

Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: Received a note from David Miraldi to thank the Friends for the Author Luncheon event.

Library Liaison: Becky Denes thanked the Friends for co-sponsoring the dinosaur encounter event which will take place this Saturday, November 23, and is full with a waitlist. The event will include a human-sized velociraptor puppet.

This Saturday, November 23 will also feature a puzzle swap at 2:30, with signups encouraged.

The December calendar has been published. A few highlighted events:

- Monday, December 15 at 6:30: Create your own herbal tea
- Monday December 9 at 6:30 and Thursday, December 12 at 2:30: DIY spa night
- Storytimes will continue, including cookie storytimes and a visit from Santa and the Grinch will take place on Saturday, December 14 at 11:00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Kay Clark. No report.

Author Lunch: Laurie Laubacher. Laurie reported that the Friends received a thank you note from author David Miraldi; the Friends presented him with a gift certificate to Nemo's in Avon in appreciation for his presentation at this year's author luncheon.

Book Nook: Kay Clark. Kay reported that more paperbacks are needed for the book nook.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger. Les thanked the Friends for all of their hard work during the Fall Book Sale which generated \$1,847.58. There is no Spring Book Sale date yet. There was discussion about new procedures for working with the library to store and sort donated materials. The Book Sale committee will meet to discuss and the Friends will begin accepting donated materials again in January 2025. Children's books which did not get sold during the Fall Book Sale

were donated to Good Knights to be given to kids along with the delivery of their beds. Thank you to Sherry Dispenza for the inspiration to partner with Good Knights.

Budget: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil. Angela reported that the bulletin board has been updated for Thanksgiving.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui. No report.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber. Victoria thanked the volunteers who read to the classes at Powers and Firelands. Lots of positive feedback about the event was received from the kids, teachers, and schools.

Membership: Carol Hutner. Carol reported that the Friends welcomed 5 new members and our current membership is 127. Membership renewal will be coming up soon.

Nominating: Sharon Vollmer. No report.

100 Day School Restock: Angela Cecil. Angela reached out to Powers Elementary and will be contacting St. Joe's and Firelands soon. The list of supplies needed so far includes: crayons, pencils, dry erase markers (thick and fine tip), glue sticks, 2-pocket folders with no prongs, colored pencils (not too many), and markers (thick and fine tip). There will be a collection box in the library lobby during the month of January and the Friends will also be able to accept monetary donations.

Publicity: Liz Hui. Liz reported that the Friends' Facebook followers are at 403, up from 387 in September and 270 in March. Communication about the 100 Day School Restock will be going out shortly and a Facebook post about the Good Knights partnership will go out as well.

Shredding: Carol Valenti. No report.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels. Kathy reported that a card was sent to Marilyn Bronson; cards were requested for Peaches Ogbuji and Sharon Vollmer.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Discussion was held to brainstorm what other library projects the Friends might be able to support. Becky will connect with the library management team and will get back to us with a list of needs, wants and wishes.

As there will not be a December tea this year, Cookie suggested a lunch social and will send more information shortly.

Adjourn: Marilyn Hubbard moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourned: 12:11 PM

Next Meeting: January 22, 2025 at 11:15 AM

Next meeting: February 26, 2026