

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for February 26, 2025

Called to Order: 11:19 AM

Present: Les Kreeger, Sandee Ruth, Marilyn Bronson, Marcia Kubach, Barabara Brown, Angela Cecil, Jackie Fedako, Patti Drew, Malvine Zahratka, Lila Lewis, Judy Alexander, Eileen Rockwell, Carol Hutner, Laurie Laubacher, Kathy MacLean, Victoria Mowcomber, Bev Paige, Kathy Michaels, Deborah Tamaro, Kay Clark, Becky Denes, Cookie McLoda, Liz Hui

Previous Minutes: Jackie Fedako moved to accept the minutes from the January 22 meeting. Les Kreeger seconded.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

January 2025

Checking: \$14,873.70

CD: \$6,250.45

Total Assets: \$21,124.15

Book Nook for January: \$85

Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: None

Library Liaison:

- A funding request was made by Adult Services to help offset the cost of adult coloring books for summer reading. The total cost is \$560 which includes shipping. Carol Hutner moved to cover 50% of the cost. Marcia Kubach seconded. **Motion carried.**
- The March craft is paint your own shamrock, and will be held on March 6 and March 10.
- The last adult coloring night for this session is March 3.
- The Alzheimer's Association will give a talk about managing money for caregivers on March 24.
- On March 13, Tom Jewell is presenting about the Great Train Wreck of 1916.
- March 13 will also feature a "Pie" Day competition for ages 10-17.
- Yoga & Tai Chi are back for the month.
- Becky relayed that several library staff members will be retiring throughout the spring, including Nancy Tomek, Vicki Turner, Melanie Presler, and Sarah Schmitkons. Some positions will be filled internally, and the library is currently hiring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Kay Clark. No report.

Author Lunch: Laurie Laubacher. No report.

Book Nook: Kay Clark. January's Book Nook proceeds were \$85. Lila Lewis mentioned that many patrons have complimented the Book Nook recently.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger. Les thanked Becky Denes for setting the book sale dates through Fall 2027. Sandee Ruth discussed procedures for handling book donations.

Budget: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil. Angela reported that the bulletin board is now updated with book club lists.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui. No report.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber. No report; will start looking at books in July.

Membership: Carol Hutner. Total membership is currently at 74 members; still working on renewals.

Nominating: Sharon Vollmer. No report.

100 Day School Restock: Angela Cecil. Angela reported that supplies were collected during the month of January; then on February 1, the Restock committee reviewed donations and spent \$332.98 to supplement the donations. All supplies were delivered to Powers. There was discussion about adding Kleenex to the supply list for next year.

Publicity: Liz Hui. Liz reported that the Friends' Facebook followers are at 446, up from 427 in January and 270 in March. The book sale event has been created and a call went out for books; will do another call for book donations.

Shredding: Carol Valenti. No report. All set.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels. Cards are being sent to Marilyn Hubbard, Sharon Vollmer, and Carol Inniss.

Old Business:

New Business: Angela Cecil reported that the 100 Day Restock committee brainstormed ideas to support the library, and asked if there are any other items needed by the library. For example: sight-impaired items. Becky Denes will put together a library wishlist.

Adjourn: Patti Drew motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Next Meeting: March 26, 2025 at 11:15 AM