

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for May 28, 2025

Called to Order: 11:17 AM

Present: Marcia Kubach, Sandee Ruth, Kathy MacLean, Carol Inniss, Marilyn Bronson, Barbara Brown, Angela Cecil, Malvine Zahratka, Patti Drew, Barbara Gilbert Whitcomb, Becky Demich, Carol Hutner, Kathy Michaels, Bev Paige, Kay Clark, Victoria Mowcomber, Becky Denes, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Liz Hui.

Previous Minutes: Marcia Kubach moved to accept the minutes from the April 23 meeting. Marilyn Hubbard seconded.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

April 1 – May 27, 2025

Checking: \$15,822.29

CD: \$6,340.39

Total Assets: \$22,162.62

Book Nook for April: \$168.50

Report was submitted for audit.

Becky made a motion to renew the CD at 12 months, Carol seconded. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence: None.

Library Liaison:

- Becky Denes reported that the summer calendar is out and is packed full of activities.
- Becky thanked the Friends for the donation of the break room cabinet and curtains. The Cricut machine has arrived & will get set up in the next couple weeks.
- The new large format printer arrived yesterday. Staff will be trained over the summer, and the printer will be available later this year for public use.
- The large format scanner has also arrived. The library is working on training staff to use it, and is also working with the Amherst Historical Society. The scanner will also be available to the public later this year.
- The group discussed criteria for the bench that the Friends would like to purchase for the lobby. It must fit in a compact space and have arms. It's preferred that it does not have a USB charging port.
- The wheelchair purchased in memory of Sharon Vollmer has arrived. Signage was requested to alert patrons that the wheelchair is available for use, and that it was donated in Sharon's memory.
- The books for the Children's Book Club have arrived.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Kay Clark. No report.

Author Lunch: Laurie Laubacher. No report.

Book Nook: Kay Clark. April's Book Nook proceeds were \$168.50. Kay noted we have a shortage of paperbacks, which are popular in the summer, and requested donations of paperbacks for the Book Nook.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger. On behalf of committee chair Les Kreeger, Cookie McLoda thanked everyone who helped with the sale. Liz reported that some of the book sale committee members met on Friday afternoon to debrief. The group mostly talked about ways to improve sale setup, and brainstormed organizations that remaining books could be donated to. A list of questions was generated for the library regarding book donations. Becky & management team will meet next week regarding this questions. Kristina Hudson will serve as the book sale liaison and we look forward to working with her.

Cookie also reported that she checked with veterans homes about book donations, but they did not appear to need books right now.

Budget: Cookie McLoda. The budget will be fine-tuned for presentation at next month's meeting.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil. Angela reported that the fall book sale dates are up, and the board's theme is to enjoy summer reading.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui. Liz brought in a sample of the new performance material shirts that are available on Bonfire. So far 2 have sold. A bulk order was discussed.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber. Victoria is working with Scholastic to narrow down a list of potential books for Kindergarten Reading, and is leaning toward a theme of mindfulness and/or courage.

Membership: Carol Hutner. Carol reported membership is currently at 106 members. At the book sale, 14 new members joined and we also had 2 membership renewals.

Nominating: TBD. No report.

100 Day School Restock: Angela Cecil. No report.

Publicity: Liz Hui. Liz reported that the Friends' Facebook followers are at 475, up from 270 in March 2024. The next communications to go out are for the shredding event.

Shredding: Rhonda Neuoff. Rhonda will replace Carol Valenti as chair. The Community Shredding Event is scheduled on July 12 from 9am-12noon or until the truck is full. The volunteers from the Scouts are all set. Due to the popularity of this event, it was suggested to consider offering 2 shredding events.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels. A card was requested for Carol Valenti and Judy Alexander & Bill Strohm.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Marcia Kubach, Carol Inniss, & Liz Hui volunteered to look at benches for the lobby area and will send options to Becky Denes.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Next Meeting: June 25, 2025 at 11:15 AM