

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for July 23, 2025

Called to Order: 11:15 AM

Present: Peaches Ogbuji, Sandee Ruth, Marcia Kubach, Barbara Brown, Jackie Fedako, Malvine Zahratka, Barbara Gilbert Whitcomb, Carol Hutner, Kay Clark, Kathy Michaels, Becky Denes, Marilyn Hubbard, Angela Cecil, Cookie McLoda.

Previous Minutes: Kay Clark moved to accept the minutes from the June 25 meeting. Jackie Fedako seconded. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

June 25, 2025 – July 23, 2025

Checking: \$15,303.78

CD: \$6,380.91

Total Assets: \$22,684.29

Book Nook for June: \$130.00

Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: A card was sent on behalf of the Friends to Judy Alexander to thank her for her many years of generosity and leadership.

Library Liaison:

- Becky Denes reported that the memorial plaque in honor of Sharon Vollmer has been installed on the wheelchair, and the wheelchair is now available for use.
- The bench has arrived and has been installed; a plaque will be ordered to note that the bench was donated by the Friends.
- The large format printer will have a soft launch in the fall, and will be available for general public use later. This printer can make banners, stickers, and window clings.
- The rubber duck contest is currently taking place on the second floor of the library. The library received entries from all ages and everyone is encouraged to vote for their favorite entries.
- The Summer Reading Fun Fair to celebrate the end of summer reading will take place Wednesday, July 30.
- On the evening of August 28, the Lorain County MetroParks will present Animals in Your Neighborhood at Amherst Beaver Creek Reservation. All ages are invited to attend; registration through the MetroParks is required.
- Lorain County Reads is presenting NYU author Eric Klinenberg on Thursday, September 25. Professor Klinenberg will give a talk about his book "Palaces for the People" at the Elyria Performing Arts Center. This event is free but registration is required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Kay Clark. No report.

Author Lunch: Laurie Laubacher. The luncheon will take place on October 16, featuring author Andrew Graff. No report.

Book Nook: Kay Clark. June's Book Nook proceeds were \$130.00.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger. Dates are set for Nov 6-8. No report.

Budget: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil. No report.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui. Several items were purchased as part of the July online store sale. The last of the items should be shipped shortly.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber. The kindergarten reading book has been selected; it is The Sloth Who Slowed Us Down by Margaret Wild. Victoria will reach out to Powers, Firelands, and St. Joe's in September to schedule October reading dates. Books will be purchased once the number of students has been confirmed.

Membership: Carol Hutner. Carol reported that current membership is at 109 members.

Nominating: Barb Brown. No report.

100 Day School Restock: Angela Cecil. No report.

Publicity: Liz Hui. The Friends' Facebook followers are up to 490, up from 270 in March 2024.

Shredding: Rhonda Neuhoff. It was reported that the shredding event in July went well. It was recommended that we utilized entrance and exit signs next year for traffic flow.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels. Cards were requested for Marilyn Bronson and Maureen Dix.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM.

Next Meeting: August 27, 2025 at 11:15 AM