

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for August 27, 2025

Called to Order: 11:20 AM

Present: Kathy Michaels, Sandee Ruth, Angela Cecil, Barbara Brown, Patti Drew, Laurie Laubacher, Barbara Gilbert Whitcomb, Carol Hutner, Kay Clark, Becky Denes, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Liz Hui.

Previous Minutes: Angela Cecil moved to accept the minutes from the July 23 meeting. Patti Drew seconded. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

July 22, 2025 – August 27, 2025

Checking: \$15,461.67

CD: \$6,399.58

Total Assets: \$21,681.25

Book Nook for July: \$111.00

Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Library Liaison:

- Becky Denes reported that Lorain County Reads will present 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.
- Library cardholder appreciation month is the month of September; beginning on 9/2 several Amherst businesses will offer a discount to patrons who show their library card.
- The 4th annual craft supply swap will take place on November 1. Donations toward the craft supply swap will start the the Tuesday prior, October 28th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Kay Clark. No report.

Author Lunch: Laurie Laubacher. The luncheon will take place on October 16, featuring author Andrew Graff. The tickets will arrive the week of September 8. Tickets are \$20 apiece. Cookie McLoda will introduce the speaker.

Book Nook: Kay Clark. July's Book Nook proceeds were \$111.00.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger. Book sale dates are set for Nov 6-8. Sandee Ruth noted that they could use more helpers to sort books, and the Friends could also use more donations. The Sandstone Authors Society will participate in the book sale again this year.

Budget: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil. No report.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui. All items that were purchased as part of the July online store sale should have arrived.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber. No report.

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 507, up from 270 in March 2024. Publicity regarding the Author Luncheon and ticket availability will go out soon.

Shredding: Rhonda Neuhoﬀ. No report.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels. Cards were sent to Bev Paige, Cookie McLoda, & Diane Lamoreaux. A card was requested for Marilyn Bronson & Judy Alexander.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Marilyn Hubbard received a compliment about the blue bags; Becky Denes will double check to make sure the library still has a healthy supply.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:07 AM.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2025 at 11:15 AM