

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for September 24, 2025

Called to Order: 11:19 AM

Present: Angela Cecil, Sandee Ruth, Elizabeth Fought, Barbara Brown, Victoria Mowcomber, Jackie Fedako, Malvine Zahratka, Marcia Kubach, Laurie Laubacher, Carol Hutner, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Liz Hui.

Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Fought presented about an upcoming issue on the November 2025 ballot: Issue 16 – Earned Income Tax Operating Levy for the Amherst Schools.

Previous Minutes: Marilyn Hubbard moved to accept the minutes from the August 27 meeting. Jackie Fedako seconded.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

August 27, 2025 – September 24, 2025

Checking: \$15,341.67

CD: \$6,418.30

Total Assets: \$21,985.27

Book Nook for August: \$104.30

Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Library Liaison:

- Liz Hui reported on behalf of Becky Denes that Sean Gaskell will present Music of the West African Kora on Saturday, October 4 at 2:00pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Kay Clark. No report.

Author Lunch: Laurie Laubacher. The luncheon will take place on October 16, featuring author Andrew Graff. Ticket sales for the event appear to be going about the same as last year. Lorain County Metroparks is keeping the price at \$12 per lunch. The group chose a turkey club wrap for lunch; there will also be a vegetarian option and gluten-free option. There will be a coffee/tea/water bar, pasta salad on the tables, and either a fruit plate on the tables or a fruit salad. The Friends will also purchase cookies for all attendees.

Book Nook: Kay Clark. July's Book Nook proceeds were \$104.30.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger. Book sale dates are set for Nov 6-8. Marcia Kubach, Sandee Ruth, and Carol Hutner have been sorting and boxing the donated books. More bankers boxes will be purchased and they will send a message out to the group if any help is needed.

Budget: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil. No report.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui. Nothing Bundt Cakes contacted Becky Denes about fundraising opportunities; the Library itself is unable to partner with local businesses to fundraise due to its operational status, but the Friends organization is able to do so as a nonprofit organization.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber. This year's book is The Sloth Who Slowed Us Down by Margaret Wild. This book focuses on a theme of mindfulness. 438 books were ordered and the total order came in just under the \$1,500 budget. There will be about 400 students across the kindergarten classes; volunteer readers are needed on Wednesday, October 22 for Powers Elementary and on Friday, October 24 for Firelands Elementary. Judy Alexander offered to make stickers to go into the books again.

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 517, up from 270 in March 2024. Publicity regarding the Fall Book Sale will go out soon.

Shredding: Rhonda Neuhoﬀ. No report.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels. A card was requested for Kathy Michaels and her husband.

Old Business: Liz Hui reported on Becky Denes' behalf that she checked on the blue bags; all desks have a supply and there is still one open box and two unopened boxes in storage, so we should be good on blue bags for a while.

New Business:

- In honor of Judy Alexander, the Friends will work with the management team to purchase something meaningful for the library.
- Due to upcoming holidays, November's meeting will take place on November 19 and December's meeting will take place on December 17.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:53 AM.

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