

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for October 22, 2025

Called to Order: 11:22 AM

Present: Kay Clark, Sandee Ruth, Barbara Brown, Carol McKee, Malvine Zahratka, Victoria Mowcomber, Laurie Laubacher, Barbara Gilbert Whitcomb, Marcia Kubach, Carol Hutner, Les Kreeger, Becky Denes, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Liz Hui.

Previous Minutes: Kay Clark moved to accept the minutes from the September 24 meeting. Marcia Kubach seconded.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

September 25, 2025 – October 22, 2025

Checking: \$15,566.97

CD: \$6,436.47

Total Assets: \$20,706.48

Book Nook for August: \$92.00

Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Library Liaison:

- The annual craft swap will take place on Saturday, November 1, from 1:00-3:00pm. Donations can be dropped off starting on Tuesday October 28. Those who donate may arrive 30 minutes early on swap day (12:30pm) to browse donated items. There are no limits and the event is first-come, first-served. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. If any Friends members are available, Becky Denes could use help sorting craft swap donations any time after October 29th.
- The bean bag chairs in the youth area have been disposed of, as they were likely 7+ years old and showing their age. Youth services requested Friends funds to replace the bean bags. Marcia Kubach motioned to fund up to \$400 to replace the chairs. Les Kreeger seconded. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Kay Clark. No report.

Author Lunch: Laurie Laubacher. Laurie received lots of good feedback from the attendees and thanked the committee members.

Book Nook: Kay Clark. September's Book Nook proceeds were \$92.00. Request for cook books to go on the book nook shelf.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger. Book sale dates are set for Nov 6-8. Liz will send out an online signup for setup and teardown shifts. Sandee will talk to Youth Services manager Megan about requesting student help to move the boxes of books into the Community Room. Becky Denes noted that the Friends may start moving books into the far left side of the Community Room on Monday, November 3. After story time concludes on Tuesday, November 4 at 11:00am, the Friends may then set up tables. On Monday, November 10th, all book sale items must be moved to the left side of the room before 10:30am that Monday. The Friends discussed options for finding homes for the books that are not sold.

Budget: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil. No report. Liz reported on Angela's behalf that the board is updated with author luncheon pictures.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui. No report.

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. Reading at Powers happened today, Firelands will be Friday October 24, and St. Joe's was on the 17th. Scholastic gave the Friends extra books that will be donated to the book sale, and the schools received extra books as well.

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

Nominating: Barb Brown. The current officers agreed to continue in their roles. Nominees were presented today and the vote will take place at the November meeting.

100 Day School Restock: Angela Cecil. No report.

Publicity: Liz Hui. The Friends' Facebook followers are up to 527, up from 270 in March 2024.

Shredding: Rhonda Neuhoff. No report.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels. Cards were requested for Marilyn Bronson, Maureen Dix, Diane Lamoreaux, Becky Demich, and Judy Alexander.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The November monthly meeting on November 19 will be moved to 1:30pm.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2025 at 1:30 PM