

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for November 19, 2025

Called to Order: 1:40 PM

Present: Barbara Brown, Carol McKee, Angela Cecil, Jackie Fedako, Victoria Mowcomber, Marcia Kubach, Patti Drew, Carol Hutner, Sandee Ruth, Barbara Gilbert Whitcomb, Les Kreeger, Cookie McLoda, Liz Hui.

Previous Minutes: Marcia Kubach moved to accept the minutes from the October 22 meeting. Les Kreeger seconded.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

October 23, 2025 – November 19, 2025

Checking: \$16,702.49

CD: \$6,455.31

Total Assets: \$23,157.80

Book Nook for October: \$77.00

Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Library Liaison: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Kay Clark. No report.

Author Lunch: Laurie Laubacher. No report.

Book Nook: Kay Clark. October's Book Nook proceeds were \$77.00.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger. Thanks were given to all who took part in the sale. The committee noted it was great to have young volunteers to help move boxes, and it was discussed that in the future perhaps a small gift should be given to the teen volunteers. Les Kreeger motioned to send a \$50 gift card & thank you note to Lila Lewis for all of her work securing places to donate unpurchased books. The motion was seconded by Barb Brown. **Motion carried.** Sandee Ruth asked for more volunteers for sorting books. Book donations have been paused until the beginning of February 2026.

Budget: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil. No report.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui. No report.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber. This year the Friends read in 18 classrooms for a total of 371 students across 3 schools. The book was The Sloth Who Slowed Us Down, and a total of 398 books was purchased for a cost of \$1,498, which came in at \$2 under budget. Each school received 30 additional books from Scholastic as part of the arrangement. Any additional copies of The Sloth Who Slowed Us Down were donated to the fall book sale. Next year Victoria noted the committee would like to ensure the Friends is including any special needs classrooms.

Membership: Carol Hutner. Carol reported that current membership is at 117 members; 9 new members joined during the book sale.

Nominating: Barb Brown. All officers agreed to serve again: Cookie McLoda as President, Carol Hutner as Vice President, Marilyn Hubbard for Treasurer, and Liz Hui as Secretary. Carol McKee moved to make a unanimous vote in favor of approving the officer vote, Patti Drew seconded. **Motion carried.**

100 Day School Restock: Angela Cecil. The group discussed whether to collect donations this winter, or pay for supplies directly from the budget. There was a suggestion to see if the schools are in need of winter clothing. Angela will contact the schools to determine their needs.

Publicity: Liz Hui. The Friends' Facebook followers are up to 540, up from 270 in March 2024. The Friends would like to thank the Morning Journal for stopping by the book sale, and for their article.

Shredding: Rhonda Neuhoff. No report.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels. Kathy sent cards to Rhonda Neuhoff and Marilyn Bronson.

Old Business: Cookie McLoda received a bill to continue membership in Main Street Amherst. Carol McKee motioned to continue membership. Barb Brown seconded. **Motion carried.**

New Business:

- In lieu of a December monthly meeting, the Friends will plan a social luncheon on December 17 at Ghost Tree at 12:00pm. Liz – send a message to the entire Friends about the social. Guests are welcome. They will have a private room for us. RSVP to Liz.
- Victoria Mowcomber noted that she has visited several libraries recently, and noticed that other libraries have universal library traffic signs directing patrons to their locations, but the Amherst Public Library does not appear to have any. The Friends will investigate whether we are able to purchase and install traffic signs.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM.

Next Meeting: January 28, 2026 at 11:15 AM