

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for August 26, 2026

Called to Order: 11:16 AM

Present: Carol Hutner, Sandee Ruth, Marcia Kubach, Malvine Zahratka, Patti Drew, Jackie Fedacko, Barbara Gilbert Whitcomb, Barbara Neuhoﬀ, Rhonda Neuhoﬀ, Angela Cecil, Barbara Brown, Les Kreeger, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda, Liz Hui, Laurie Laubacher.

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

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

July 22, 2026 – August 26, 2026

Checking: \$14,551.65

CD: \$5,030.85

Total Assets: \$19,438.30

Book Nook for July-August: \$272

Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: The Veterans Mural Association sent a thank you note for the \$500 donation for the monument project.

Library Liaison: No report as Becky Denes was attending the Lorain County Fair on behalf of the library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Kay Clark. No report.

Author Lunch: Laurie Laubacher. Laurie requested that the committee meet to discuss ordering tickets, planning decorations, etc.

Book Nook: Kay Clark. Marilyn Hubbard reported on Kay's behalf that August's Book Nook proceeds were \$272. Liz Hui reported that Kay request that more paperback be donated to the Book Nook as they have proven to be extremely popular.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger. Les noted that there are only 2 monthly meetings left before the November book sale. There was discussion about needing volunteers for setup, running the sale, and taking down the sale. The book sale committee noted that we are in need of more book donations, and that Better World Books is planning to meet the committee and library staff in October.

Budget: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil. Angela reported that information about the author luncheon will go up on the board soon, and Rhonda Neuhoﬀ provided Angela with some good pictures from the shredding event this summer.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui. No report.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber. Liz Hui reported on behalf of Victoria Mowcomber that 409 copies of the book *The Relatives Came* have been purchased and are scheduled to be delivered to the library on August 28. Victoria

will reach out to the schools in September to arrange reading dates. The signup to volunteer to read will come out in a few weeks.

Membership: Carol Hutner. Carol reported that current membership is at 81 members.

Nominating: Barb Brown. No report.

100 Day School Restock: Angela Cecil. No report.

Publicity: Liz Hui. Liz reported that the Friends' Facebook followers are up to 577, up from 270 in March 2024.

Shredding: Rhonda Neuhoff. No report.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels. A card was sent to Diane Lamoreaux.

Old Business: None.

New Business: **Carol Hutner** motioned to raise the book club budget from \$2,000 to \$2,500. **Barbara Brown** seconded. **Motion passed.**

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Next Meeting: September 23, 2026 at 11:15 AM