

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

Minutes for September 23, 2026

Called to Order: 11:16 AM

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

Previous Minutes: Les Kreeger moved to accept the minutes from the August 26 meeting. Kathy Michaels seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn Hubbard reported:

August 26, 2026 – September 23, 2026

Checking: \$14,407.45

CD: \$5,046.59

Total Assets: \$17,433.81

Book Nook for August-September: \$141

Report was submitted for audit.

Correspondence: None.

Library Liaison:

- The library turned 120 years old on September 19, 2026. Staff are making plans for a larger celebration in 2031, when the library commemorates its 125th anniversary. A library timeline display has been set up by the Spring Street entrance.
- The library received very generous donations of seeds for the seed library from Giant Eagle in Elyria, a native seed distributor, and Lowe's in Elyria. Volunteers will be needed to pack seeds later on this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auditing: Kay Clark. No report.

Author Lunch: Laurie Laubacher. Laurie reported that the event is organized and ready to go; the venue, lunch menu, and decorations are all set, and cookies will be ordered soon. Luncheon tickets are available at the first floor desk. This year's door prizes will be "blind date with a book" instead of the centerpieces because the committee invested in centerpieces that can be reused for future events.

Book Nook: Kay Clark. Kay reported that September's Book Nook proceeds were \$141.

Book Sale: Les Kreeger. Signsups for book sale setup, teardown, and sale attendants will be coming shortly.

Budget: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Bulletin Board: Angela Cecil. Angela reported that the board has been updated with current information.

Bylaws: Cookie McLoda. No report.

Fundraising: Liz Hui. No report.

Kindergarten Reading: Victoria Mowcomber. Victoria noted that the kindergarten classes have given us dates & times that we can come read, and that Special Education classes will be included this year. Dates will be:

- St Joes 10/16 @ 1:00pm (1 volunteer needed and is already covered)
- Firelands 10/23 @ 9:00am Firelands (6 volunteers needed)
- Powers 10/27 @ 9:15am (14 volunteers needed)

A signup genius will go to the whole membership to volunteer to read. Copies of the book will be available at the library for volunteers to pick up and Victoria will deliver books to schools ahead of time for the classrooms; please reach out to Victoria with any questions. Victoria will also connect with Becky about stickers and bookmarks.

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 581, up from 270 in March 2024.

Shredding: Rhonda Neuhooff. No report.

Sunshine: Kathy Michaels. No new requests.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

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