

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST LIBRARY MEETING**  
**APRIL 26, 2017**

**Called to Order:** 11:15 am

**Present:** Charlene Kalo, Barbara Surovy, Laura Dulmage, Marilyn Hubbard, Sue Underwood, Bev Paige, Regina Sakach, Barbara Brown, Kay Clark, Sharon Vollmer, Joyce Mulder, Judy Alexander, Carol Valente, Marilyn Bronson, Maureen Dix, Cookie McLoda

**Monitor:** Sharon Vollmer

**Past Minutes:** Approved as posted

**Financial:** Checking: \$12,332.02 CD: \$5590.28 Total Assets: \$17,922.30 Book Box: 157.94

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Membership:** Barbara Surovy reports 103 current members.

**Book Sale:** The book sale netted a profit of \$1,029.50. Sharon thanked Judy Alexander for organizing the book sale and all of the volunteers who helped to make it a success. She requested that a thank you note be sent to library staff member Nancy Tomek, Youth Service Manager, who has started a teen volunteer group at the library. The teens were very helpful in setting up for the book sale and in assisting patrons by carrying purchases to their cars.

**Bags:** Sharon stated that we still have one unopened box of blue bags. Judy Alexander is looking into a less expensive bag to purchase for book sales. Charlene Kalo stated that there is a possibility that she may be able to obtain some free canvas bags.

**Dine to Donate:** Carol Valente has contacted Olde Town Pizza concerning a Dine to Donate event in June or July. She is waiting for a reply.

**2017 Author's Luncheon:** Barb Surovy will purchase table favors. Sterk's Catering has been confirmed. Sharon will purchase candy for the table favors.

**Amherst Chocolate Walk:** Judy has donated two Author's Luncheon tickets and one copy each of "Doc" and "Epitaph" by Mary Doria Russell, to be given as prizes at the Amherst Chocolate Walk on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Shredding Day:** The 2017 Annual Friends Paper Shredding Day will be held in the library parking lot on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Charlene will post a reminder on the library website. The Boy Scouts will help.

**Plant a Seed Read Garden Party:** The Friends have been invited to sponsor a table at the library's Plant a Seed Read Garden Party on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Judy has donated two tickets to the Author's Luncheon to be used as prizes. The Friends will offer library magnets, Friends pencils, candy, Friends membership forms, and Amazon Smile information. Judy showed the group sticky note pads that we can possibly distribute. They would display the Friends logo and 500 pads can be purchased for \$280.00. Marilyn Hubbard made a motion to purchase 500 pads. Marilyn Bronson seconded. Motion carried. Judy will follow up.

**Possible Fund Raiser:** It has been suggested that the Friends sponsor an off site fund raiser. The possibility of a brunch with a children's author was made. Nancy Tomek, Youth Service Manager has offered to work with us. Kay Clark suggested an author named McDonald who lives in Vermilion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Staff Luncheon:** The Friends sponsored library staff appreciation luncheon will be held on Wednesday and Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Charlene has posted sign up sheets in the staff break room with a May 10<sup>th</sup> deadline. Cookie McLoda has contracted Mary Ann Kordeleski to cater. Charlene Kalo will provide dessert.

**Amazon Smile:** Judy Alexander and Sue Underwood have established an Amazon Smile account for the Friends of the Amherst Public Library. It will allow Amazon purchasers to permit Amazon to deposit a percentage of their purchase to the Friends at no cost to the buyer. Instructions will be sent to Friends members and will be posted on the library website, home page and online newsletter.

**Book Group Books:** It has been observed that book group books are turning up in the book sales of another library. The Friends feel that since they have contributed toward the purchase of the books they should have the option to sell them in their own book sale. Don Dovala will be contacted to discuss this.

**2018 Author's Luncheon:** Maureen Dix will be sending a contract to Paula McLain.

**Fall Book Sale:** The fall book sale take place on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The Friends have expressed the desire that it again be held in the community room. Charlene stated that Don is taking that under consideration.

**Adjourned:** 11:50 am

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday June 28, 2017 11:15 am

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Dix, Secretary