

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING JANUARY 25, 2017**

Called to Order: 11:18 am

Present: Sue Underwood, Marilyn Hubbard, Bev Paige, Charleen Kalo, Barb Surovy, Marilynn Bronson, Judy Alexander, Cookie McLoda, Sharon Vollmer, Maureen Dix, Joyce Mulder

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: Approved

Financial:

November, 2016: Checking: \$10,365.92 CD: \$5,515.57 Total Assets: \$15,881.49 Book Box: \$92.00

December: 2016: Checking: \$10,210.43 CD: \$5,584.40 Total Assets: \$15,749.83 Book Box: \$64.35

Interest on CD for 2016: \$68.83

Sue reports that the books are ready for audit. Bev Paige and Kay Clark will audit them as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Barb Surovy reports that there are currently 79 members for 2017. The goal is 145. **2017 dues membership are due now.** You may send your payment to the library or drop it off there. Individual dues are \$10.00; family \$15.00 and business \$25.00.

Annual Meeting: The Friends annual meeting luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22nd at noon in the DeLloyd room. Judy Alexander and Cookie McLoda, hospitality co-chairs, report that everything is under control. A sign-up sheet was circulated, and reservations can be phoned in to Judy at 440-823-2823.

Gift for Kathy: Kathy Michaels has resigned from the board having served for 12 years. The Friends would like to honor her dedication by purchasing a children's book for the library in her name. Some suggestions were received from library staffers Cheryl Ashton and Lisa Stanley. Maureen Dix made a motion that was seconded by Marilynn Bronson that \$50.00 be donated to the library to purchase two books by author Teagan White for this purpose. Motion carried. Sue will write a check. The gift will be presented at the annual luncheon.

Habitat for Humanity: Sharon Vollmer stated that she has not received any updates on this project.

Book Repair: Library staff member Doreen Sweet is currently repairing library books. She will contact the Friends when she needs help.

NEW BUSINESS

Dolly Parton Library: Judy Alexander reported that the Stocker Foundation has contributed \$500,000.00 towards the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. She will soon be attending a meeting to learn how all children in Lorain County may become eligible to receive 72 books before they enter school. She will also see if there is a need for the Friends to get involved, perhaps in notifying parents of the program.

Community Project: The community project of purchasing and reading a book to kindergarteners in the library district will continue for at least 2017. Maureen Dix will investigate titles and contact publishers.

Dine to Donate: Vice president Carol Valente will contact Olde Town Pizza to schedule a dine to donate event.

Staff Luncheon: Library liaison Charlene Kalo will contact administrator Don Dovala to determine a date for the annual library staff luncheon sponsored by the Friends.

Quarry Bear: Charlene has contacted the person who portrays Quarry Bear and he is available for 2017.

Paper Shredding: The annual paper shredding day is scheduled for Saturday, July 15th from 10 – 1. Our cost is \$375.00.

Book Sales: The Spring Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, April 22 & 23, with set up on Friday, April 21st. The Fall Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5, with set up scheduled on Friday, November 3rd.

2017 Author's Luncheon: The 2017 Author's Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 5th at Heritage Presbyterian Church. The speaker is Mary Doria Russell, author of "Doc". Her fee is \$600.00.

2018 Author's Luncheon: Paula McLain, author of "Circling the Sun" will be contacted to see if she is available to speak at the 2018 Author's Luncheon. Maureen will contact her.

Fund Raising Projects: Treasurer Sue Underwood has advised us that we are currently spending more than are bringing in. One suggestion for future fund raisers is Amazon Prime points. Judy is investigating.. Also a possible trivia contest or a crossword contest was mentioned.

Thank You's: Maureen has sent a thank you note to Marilyn Jenne for her donation of \$490.00 to the Friends following the sale of her book. A thank you note was also sent to Judy Wright for her donation of two tins of tea to be used at Friends meetings and luncheons.

Late Fees: Charlene reported that the library is discontinuing charging senior citizens a fee for late book returns. She will check to determine at what age this begins.

Web Page: It was suggested that Kristen Cioffi be contacted to add current Friends minutes to the library web page.

Invitation: Sharon asked Charlene to invite Don Dovala to attend the March Friends meeting. The Friends would like him to help determine the role that the Friends will play with the library in the future.

Adjourned: 11:54

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting & Luncheon, Wednesday, February 22nd, at noon in the DeLloyd Room

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Dix, Secretary