

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
MARCH 22, 2017**

CALLED TO ORDER: 11:15 AM

Present: Cookie McLoda, Marilyn Hubbard, Sue Underwood, Marilyn Bronson, Sharon Vollmer, Judy Alexander, Kay Clark, Barbara Brown, Barbara Surovy, Charlene Kalo, Bev Paige, Regina Sakach, Joyce Mulder, Melanie Presler, Nancy Tomek

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: Approved

Financial: March 2017: Checking: \$11,807.87 CD: \$5,590.28 Total Assets: \$17,398.15

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Barb Surovy reported 99 members for 2017 thus far.

Auditing of 2016 Books: Kay Clark and Bev Paige audited and reported no problems.

Annual Lunch Meeting on February 22: Thanks to Judy Alexander, Cookie McLoda & Charlene Kalo for arranging a delicious lunch and dessert.

Community 2017 Kindergartener Project: Kay Clark moved to purchase the book titled “The Library Lion” by Michelle Knudsen at a price of \$3.15 ea. Marilyn Bronson seconded. Motion carried. Maureen Dix will do the ordering.

Habitat for Humanity: It was discussed and the Friends decided to no longer volunteer at the organization.

Dine to Donate: Carol Valenti has contacted Olde Town and is working on securing a date in June or July.

Library Staff Luncheon: Charlene Kalo provided us with two possible dates. Wednesday, May 17, was chosen.

Amazon Smile Project: Marilyn Hubbard moved to participate in the project. Judy Alexander seconded. Motion carried. Judy has researched this project on the Amazon web site. Sue Underwood will work with Judy to get the project setup. Further details to follow.

Spring Book Sale: Setup for the book sale is Friday, April 21, at 9:00 AM, in the Library conference room. Judy Alexander needs volunteers to help with all aspects of the sale. Call her at 440-823-2823.

Friday, April 21, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM is the Friends-members preview. The sale is Saturday, April 22, and Sunday, April 23, during Library hours. Sunday is “Fill a bag for \$2.00,” with Friends supplying the plastic bags.

October 5, 2017 Author's Luncheon: The October 5 date was confirmed with the caterer (Sterks). Marilyn Bronson will see if we can borrow the table center decoration lights again from the same individual.

Marilyn Hubbard moved to purchase table favors boxes submitted by Barb Surovy. Cookie McLoda seconded. Motion passed. Barb Surovy will purchase. Sharon Vollmer will supply candy to fill the boxes.

NEW BUSINESS

Suggested Fund-Raiser Project: An adhoc committee of Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda & Judy Alexander is researching the possibility of providing an off-site Brunch with a children's author. Nancy Tomek, the library's new Youth Service Manager, will supply feedback on this project.

May 21st Community Chocolate Walk: Kay Clark made a motion to donate two 2017 Author Luncheon Tickets to this event. Reggie Sakack seconded. Motion passed.

Plant a Seed Read Garden Party: Melanie Presler, Adult Services Manager, attended our meeting asked if Friends would like to participate in this event on June 5 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the Library. Friends accepted and will discuss this at a later meeting.

Nancy Tomek, Youth Service Manager: Nancy attended our meeting to introduce herself. She is organizing a teen volunteer group and offered their services to Friends. She offered to work with and support Friends in any of our future projects.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 26th at 11:15 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Vollmer (Substituting for Secretary Maureen Dix)