

**FRIEND OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2016**

Called to Order: 11:15 am

Present: Kay Clark, Reggie Sakach, Beverly Paige, Judy Alexander, James E Geer, Charlene Kalo, Laura Dulmage, Marilyn Hubbard, Marilynn Bronson, Barbara Surovy, Sharon Vollmer, Clara Mowcomber, Maureen Dix, Sue Underwood

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: November 2015 minutes were approved

Financial:

November, 2015	Checking: \$12,443.99	CD: \$5,447.69	Total Assets: \$17,891.68
December, 2015	Checking: \$11,866.83	CD: \$5,447.69	Total Assets: \$17,314.52

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Membership chairperson Barbara Surovy reports 86 members for 2016. The goal for the year is 145.

December Program: A large audience enjoyed the violin music of Mary Beth Ions. Kathy Michaels is currently working with Mary Beth to bring her back this December.

Bags: 1000 heavy weight blue plastic bags have been purchased for book sales and circulation desk use for \$384.00.

Shelves: The shelves placed in the downstairs restrooms are not satisfactory to the Friends. Barbara Brown will work with Don Dovala for the possible purchase of new shelving.

Plaque: Judy Alexander presented a plaque that is already in use in the Gerstenberger room. It was decided that she will follow through in obtaining a plaque for the DeLloyd room.

Wickets: Sharon will order replacement wickets for some of the book sale yard signs.

Habitat for Humanity: In December Sharon received a request from Habitat for Humanity. They asked Friends members to unpack, organize and shelve boxes of books in their new facility on Route 58. Sharon, Maureen, Marilyn Hubbard, Marilynn Bronson and Barb and Gordon Brown spent a morning doing that. A thank you was received from Pat Schlegelmich.

February Program: Dale Fellows will present a portrayal of George Washington on Thursday, February 11th, at 7:00 in the DeLloyd room.

Annual Meeting: The Friends annual meeting and luncheon will be held on **Tuesday**, February 23rd, in the DeLloyd room. Mary Ann Koredleski will cater, Cookie McLoda and Judy Alexander will decorate and Don will provide a cake. Marilynn Bronson will provide the invocation. RSVP's are to be emailed or called into Judy. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, February 17th.

Community Project: "Maisy Goes to the Library" by Lucy Cousins has been selected as the 2016 book for the community project. The books will be purchased after kindergarten enrollment figures are released in September.

NEW BUSINESS

July Program: Sharon reported that the cost of the community shredding program scheduled for July 16th has increased from \$375.00 to \$400.00. Marilynn is again going to request that the Boy Scouts be available to help.

August Program: Sam Thomas, author of the “Midwife” series, will be the presenter at the August 3rd program.

Program Suggestion: A suggestion has been made that Harlon P Chapman, former Viet Nam POW, be scheduled for a 2017 program.

Coffee Pots: Charlene Kalo reported that two of the Friends coffee urns need replacing. Clara Mowcomber made a motion that two 40 to 50 cup urns costing no more than \$100.00 each be purchased. Kay Clark seconded. Motion carried. Charlene suggested the Delonghi brand. Amazon, Costco, GFS and Sam’s club will be scouted. They need to be purchased prior to the annual meeting and luncheon.

Author’s Luncheon: The date, location and author have all been scheduled for the 2016 Author’s Luncheon. A new caterer needs to be engaged. Anyone with suggestions should contact Sharon or the hospitality co-chairs, Judy or Cookie.

Dine to Donate: Kathy will contact Olde Town Pizza to schedule a dine to donate event.

Treasurer’s Comment: Following an audit of the books by Kay Clark and Bev Paige, treasurer Sue Underwood noted that we are spending more that we are earning. Though there is no cause for alarm, she suggested that perhaps we should take a closer look at our future spending habits and/ or find an additional source of funds. Perhaps two dine to donate events per year?

Book Sales: Some suggestions were received from the library concerning the books sales. They included moving the sale upstairs to the DeLoyd and Gerstenberger rooms, sorting the books by author, and extending the number of days of the sale. A decision was made not to relocate the sale. The reasons being that many of the customers are elderly and access to the upstairs rooms is difficult, and that many of the customers are walk ins who notice the sale when coming into the library for other purposes. James Geer offered to sort books prior to the sale and to make signs to mark the various categories. Judy made a motion that set up time be changed from Friday morning to Thursday morning and that the Friends only sale be held on Thursday afternoon and evening. The regular sale will be held on Friday and Saturday. Sunday afternoon will continue to be the fill a bag for \$2.00 event. Clara seconded. Motion carried.

Library Suggestions: Other suggestions submitted by the library included participating in the Amazon purchase points program. This was rejected as being too time consuming with bookwork and a low yield. Offering a free “get out of jail” option forgiving overdue fines with a Friends membership was also rejected as were free membership gifts. Judy made a motion that a free ticket to the Author’s Luncheon be included in the Chocolate Walk gift basket. Sue seconded. Motion carried.

Future Business: The possibilities of adding another dine to donate event and raising the cost of the Author’s Luncheon tickets were tabled for future meetings.

Adjourned: 12:25 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Dix, Secretary