

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2018**

Called to Order: 11:15 am

Present: Marilyn Bronson, Diane Lamoreaux, Marilyn Hubbard, Reggie Sakach, Bev Paige, Kay Clark, Carol Valenti, Charlene Kalo, Sue Underwood, Sharon Vollmer, Maureen Dix, Barbara Surovy

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: **Approved**

Financial: Checking: \$10,576.84 CD: \$5,662.54 Total Assets: \$16,239.38 Book Box: \$112.00

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Barbara Surovy reports that there are 104 current members.

Blue Bags: 1000 blue plastic bags were ordered from JanWay for a total cost of \$435.00. They arrived today and will be used for the Sunday fill a bag at the book sales as well as at the circulation desk.

2018 Author Luncheon Review: Only positive comments were received on our author Paula McLean.

Income: \$2,760.00 138 tickets sold. Nine complimentary tickets were given (Author etc.).

Expenses: \$1,388.00 for catering; 150 meals @ \$9.25 each, \$500.00 speaker fee, \$125.00 cupcakes, \$157.00 pens, \$90.00 hall rental and \$33.00 for two books given as door prizes

Profit: \$467.00

A discussion was held as to the pros and cons of using separate containers for each entree, the size and need for the boxes, and the possibility of quiche and Waldorf salad for next year. No decisions were made.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Author Luncheon: A contract has been signed with author Thrity Umrigar for \$575.00.

Fall Book Sale: The fall book sale will be held on Saturday, November 10th and Sunday, November 11th. Set up and Friends only sale will be on Friday, November 9th. Sharon circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteer workers. Charlene will place lawn signs on Monday, November 5th. Pricing will be the same as the spring sale. Blue bags will be filled for \$3.00 each on Sunday.

Request from Library, Melanie Presler, library staff member, has requested that Friends members donate Christmas cards for a project. On Friday, November 2nd a table will be set up in the library for patrons to fill out a holiday card to be sent to a member of the military. No glitter is allowed. The Red Cross will collect the completed cards on the Friday before Thanksgiving (November 16). Drop off your donated cards at the reference desk or put them in Melanie's mail box before November second.

Adjourned: 11:55 am

Next Meeting: *Wednesday, November 28th, 11:15 am *One week early because of Thanksgiving

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Dix, Secretary