

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2015**

Called to Order: 11:16 am

Present: Judy Alexander, Bev Paige, Kay Clark, Regina Sakach, Charlene Kalo, Suzanne Erth, Cookie McLoda, Marilyn Bronson, Sue Underwood, Sharon Vollmer, Maureen Dix

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: Approved as printed

Financial: Checking: \$13,063.72 CD: \$5,447.69 Total Assets: \$18,522.41 Book Box: \$180.00

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Current membership is 134. Goal for 2015 – 130.

Author's Luncheon:

Tickets: 171 tickets were sold for the 11th annual Author's Luncheon, a new record.

Feedback: Only positive comments were received concerning our author, D.M. Pulley, but many negative comments were received about the food. We will be looking for a different caterer for next year. Suggestions are welcomed.

Reserved Tables: Nearly all of the tables in the hall were reserved, leaving those who were not attending with a group hunting for a place to sit. It was suggested that some open tables be held.

Capacity: Marilyn Bronson stated that the capacity of the hall is 225. She suggested that since ticket sales were so high this year that next year we may need to impose a sales limit.

Shelves: Shelves have been placed in the main floor restrooms. Charlene will ask Don for the cost.

Book Sale: A sign-up sheet was circulated for workers for the Fall Book Sale. Set up begins at 9:00 on Friday, November 13th with a special sale for Friends members only from 3:00 to 4:30. Saturday sales will be from 10:00 to 5:00 and Sunday will be from 1:00 to 5:00.

Signs: The signs for the book sale will be placed on the library's lawns on Monday, November 9th.

Publicity: Marilyn stated that publicity for the Charlene Conner's program on November 4th is in place and she is working on Book Sale publicity. She reported that First Federal will run an ad on both of their electrical signs, at the main branch and at the Amherst location.

December Program: Violinist Mary Beth Ions will present a program in the DeLloyd room at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 9th. Judy and Cookie will bake cookies and Charlene will make eggnog. Coffee and tea will be available.

Plaque: Judy continues to work on getting plaques for the DeLloyd and Gerstenberger rooms.

NEW BUSINESS

Adult Programming: Melanie Presler, Adult Programs Director of the library, attended the meeting. She thanked the Friends for the 2015 donation of \$1,500.00 for book group book purchases and \$500.00 toward adult programs. She requested that the donation be repeated for 2016 with a \$500.00 increase for adult programming.

Donations: Following a discussion Bev Paige made a motion, seconded by Judy Alexander that the Friends donate \$1,500.00 toward the purchase of book group books and \$500.00 toward adult programs for 2016. Motion carried. Sue Underwood wrote a check for \$2,000.00 to the library and gave it to Charlene Kalo.

Future Program Planning: Cookie made a motion that beginning 2017, the Friends of the Amherst Public Library will collaborate with the adult programming department by suggesting programs, providing financial assistance, and lending additional support as needed. Marilyn seconded. Motion carried.

2016 Author's Luncheon: Paula McLain, author of the New York Times best seller Circling the Sun has agreed to speak at the 2016 Author's Luncheon for a fee of \$500.00. A contract has been mailed to her.

Adjourned: 12:04 pm

Next Meeting: *Wednesday, November 18, 2015

*One week early because of Thanksgiving

Respectfully Submitted:

Maureen Dix, Secretary