

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING - NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

Called to Order: 11:18 am

Present: Marilyn Bronson, Barbara Surovy, Judy Alexander, Charlene Kalo, Bev Paige, Regina Sakach, Kay Clark, James E. Geer, Sharon Vollmer, Sue Underwood, Barbara Brown, Maureen Dix

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: Approved

Financial: Checking: \$11,292.50 CD: \$5,447.60 Total Assets: \$16,740.19

Book Box: \$137.00 Book Sale: receipts to date: \$1,051.05

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Barb Surovy reports that there are 141 current members, exceeding our goal of 135 for 2015. Goal for 2016 will be 145 members.

November Program: Fifty nine people attended and enjoyed Charlene Connors' presentation.

Book Sale: The Fall Book Sale brought in \$1,051.05. The library is continuing to eliminate the remaining inventory with many patrons placing donations in the book box. Sharon thanked everyone who worked to make the sale a success.

Shelves: Friends members found the newly installed main floor restroom shelves to be extremely disappointing. Comments included: totally unsatisfactory, bad location, too high, inconvenient, not user friendly. Barb Brown will investigate the possibility of something more acceptable.

Plaques: Further action on the plaques for the DeLloyd and Gerstenberger rooms has been put on hold until after the new year.

December Program: Marilyn states that publicity is in place for the Mary Beth Ions program on December 9th. Cookie will provide cookies, Charlene will make eggnog. Coffee and tea will be available. Charlene will also work with the library staff on arranging the seating as to maximize the space for the anticipated large crowd.

NEW BUSINESS

Signs: New wickets need to be purchased for the book sale signs. The wind destroyed several.

Blue Bags: Authorization to purchase 1,000 blue bags for book sales and to use at the circulation desk was approved. Maureen will follow up.

February Program: Dale Fellows will portray George Washington on Thursday, February 11th at 7:00 pm in the DeLloyd room.

Annual Meeting: The Friends annual meeting and luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 in the DeLloyd room. Cookie will contact Mary Ann Kordeleski to see if she is available to cater.

March Program: The Firelands High School Choir will perform in the DeLloyd room on March 8.

Community Project: Maureen brought in several book samples from Candlewick Press. After looking them over and upon the advice of Jim Geer, retired reading instructor, "Maisy Goes to the Library" was selected. Judy Alexander made a motion to purchase them, Sue Underwood seconded. Motion carried. The books will be purchased for the 2016 classes of kindergarteners once the enrollment figures are obtained from the schools in the fall.

Author's Luncheon Contract: Paula McLain, author of Circling the Sun, has signed a contract to be the speaker for the 2016 Author's Luncheon.

Sam Thomas: Sam Thomas, author of the Midwife's Tales series, has agreed to speak on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening in August. Maureen will contact Melanie Presler to determine what date the DeLloyd room will be available.

Minutes: Thanks to a suggestion by Judy Alexander and prompt action by staff member Kristin Cioffi, the minutes of the monthly Friends of the Amherst Public Library meetings are now available on the Library's website. Just click on the Friends logo.

Quarry Bear: Quarry Bear will be marching in the Amherst Christmas parade.

FYI: Charlene reported that the monthly attendance at the Amherst Public Library is over 10,000.

Thank You: The Friends received a thank you note from Don Dovala for the \$1,500.00 donation to purchase book group books and \$500.00 toward adult programs.

Thank You: A thank you note was received from the superintendent of the Firelands Schools for the donation of books and the reading of them to the kindergarten classes.

Suggestion: Barbara Brown suggested that Harlon P. Chapman be considered as a speaker for a future program. He was a POW in Vietnam for seven years.

Adjourned: 12:05 pm

No December Meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Respectfully Submitted:

Maureen Dix, Secretary