

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MEETING MARCH 27, 2019**

**Called to Order:** 11:15 am

**Present:** Sue Underwood, Judy Alexander, Reggie Sakach, Kay Clark, Bev Paige, Marilyn Bronson, Marilyn Hubbard, Diane Lamoreaux, Laurie Laubacher, Carol Valenti, Malvine Zahratka, Sharon Vollmer, Barb Surovy, Maureen Dix, Andy Flynn

**Moderator:** Sharon Vollmer

**Past Minutes:** Approved

**Financials:**

January: Checking: \$12,351.84 CD: \$5,735.98 Total Assets: \$18,087.02 Book Box: \$95.27

February: Checking: \$12,462.51 CD: \$5,735.98 Total Assets: \$18,198.49 Book Box: \$125.15

Treasurer Sue Underwood reported that all necessary State of Ohio annual forms have been completed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Membership:** Carol Valenti reports 87 current members.

**Annual Meeting and Luncheon:** The annual meeting and luncheon was held on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Nordson Depot. Twenty nine members and guests attended. The event was catered by Arabica for a cost of \$317.05. Delicious sides and desserts were provided by Cookie McLoda and Judy Alexander. President Sharon Vollmer presented the Annual Report which was compiled by Sue Underwood and printed by Judy Alexander.

**Name Tags:** Twelve new Friends name tags were purchased for a cost of \$143.56. Sharon urged Friends members to wear them at the spring book sale.

**Spring Book Sale:** The spring book sale will be held on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Set up will be on the morning of Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> with a Friends only sale to follow 3:00 that afternoon. Sharon circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Cookie will place signs in the library lawn on Monday. Judy will contact the library youth group for help in bringing in the books on Thursday afternoon. Sunday will be the \$3.00 per bag sale. Marilyn Bronson reports that publicity has begun.

**Book Sale Guidelines:** Judy Alexander has printed copies of book sale guidelines. Information may be found on the library web site.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Staff Appreciation Lunch:** The annual library staff appreciation lunch will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 35 members will be served. The hospitality committee will contact Olde Town Pizza to provide the lunches.

**Dine to Donate:** Carol Valenti is working with Olde Town Pizza to determine a date in June for this event.

**Community Shred Day:** The 6<sup>th</sup> annual community shred day will be held on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the library parking lot.

**Fall Fund-raising Tea:** The second fall fund-raising tea has been scheduled for Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Grange Hall in the Amherst Historical Village. The cost is \$20.00 per person and the proceeds will be applied to the purchase of books for the Friends annual kindergarten reading program.

**Annual Kindergarten Reading Program:** Maureen Dix has been researching books for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual kindergarten reading program. So far Curious George Visits the Library, Excuse Me, that's My Book and Giraffes Can't Dance have been suggested. She will contact various publishers to determine prices.

**2019 Author Luncheon:** The 15<sup>th</sup> annual author luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Heritage Presbyterian Church. Thrity Umrigar has agreed to speak for a \$500.00 fee plus \$95.00 in travel expenses. She will talk about her latest book, “Secrets Between Us”. Catering will be provided by Spectrum Catering of Lorain for approximately \$8.00 per box lunch. Cupcakes will be purchased from Kiedrowski's Simply Delicious Bakery.

**Budget:** Sharon Vollmer suggested that \$2.00 from each event ticket sold should be reserved to purchase accessories (example; tableware, decorations etc.).

**Fall Book Sale:** The fall book sale will be held on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, with set up and Friends only sale on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Increase in CD Price:** Sharon suggested that the price of compact discs be increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 for the fall book sale. It was decided that we could check with other area libraries to determine their pricing before making a decision.

**2020 Author Luncheon:** Judy Alexander presented two books by Ohio writer, author and naturalist Julie Zickefoose. She has contacted Ms Zickefoose and she is available on Thursday, October 22, 2020 and willing to speak to the Friends for a fee of \$500.00 plus \$100.00 in travel expenses. .

**Adjourned:** 11:45 am

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am in the library

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Maureen Dix, Secretary

### **Reopening of Meeting**

Just after the conclusion of the meeting Judy Alexander commented that funding for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library is in jeopardy in Lorain County. She stated that every child in Lorain County is eligible. If registered at birth, a child will build an in-home library of 60 new books by the time they reach age 5, prior to entering kindergarten. The first book a child receives is “The Little Engine that Could,” and the last book, delivered the month the child turns 5 is “Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come!”

There are 1,052 eligible children in the Amherst area, but to date only 471 have been enrolled in the program.

Bev Paige suggested that the Friends donate make a donation.

President Vollmer reopened the meeting at 11:47 am.

Following a discussion Kay Clark made a motion that \$500.00 be donated to the Imagination Library Fund at the Community Foundation of Lorain County. This will help the Imagination Library fund toward the goal of obtaining a \$75,000.00 matching fund from the Stocker Foundation.

Marilyn Hubbard seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sue Underwood will follow through.

**Adjourned:** 11:50 am