

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
MARCH 28, 2018**

Called to Order: 11:15 am

Present: Barbara Brown, Carol Valenti, Sue Underwood, Barbara Surovy, Marilyn Bronson, Diane Lamoreaux, Reggie Sakach, Bev Paige, Judy Alexander, Sharon Vollmer, Maureen Dix

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: No minutes from February, (Annual meeting and luncheon)

Financial:

January: Checking: \$11,503.62 CD: \$5,652.54 Total Assets: \$17,156.16

February: Checking: \$11,768.39 CD: \$5,652.54 Total Assets: \$17,420.93

Book Box, January: \$114.82 Book Box, February: \$85.86 Amazon Smile Deposit: \$48.47

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Barbara Surovy reports 91 members.

Annual Meeting and Luncheon: The annual meeting and luncheon was held on February 28th with 26 members attending. Arabica catered the affair at a cost of \$139.58. Decorations were provided by Judy Alexander, Cookie McLoda and Charlene Kalo. Charlene provided the dessert. Sharon Vollmer reviewed the Friends activities for 2017 and gave a preview of plans for 2018. She conducted a survey as to the menu for the 2018 Author Luncheon and it was decided that the preferred entree is chicken salad.

Shelving: The library has purchased one set of shelving for the store room off of the community room. A suggestion was made that the Friends purchase an additional set. These shelves will be used during book sales. Marilyn Bronson made a motion that the Friends spend approximately \$400.00 to purchase additional shelving. Sue Underwood seconded the motion. Motion carried. Judy Alexander will make the purchase.

Staff Appreciation Lunch: The Friends will provide the library staff lunch on Tuesday, April 10th. Arabica will cater for 28 staff members.

Annual Shred Event: Carol Valenti reported that a contract has been signed with Shredd-It for Saturday, July 14th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost will be \$400.00. Marilyn has contacted the Boy Scout troop from Heritage Presbyterian Church. They are available to help again.

2018 Author Luncheon: The 2018 Author Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 18th with Paula McLain. Quotes for catering have been requested from Pink Peppercorn and Chef Dave Dix. Cupcakes will be ordered from Kiedrowski's. The price of the tickets has increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00. It was suggested that Friends note pads, pens and candy be used as favors. Marilyn will borrow lanterns from the church to use as centerpieces. Donations for the food pantry will be accepted.

Dine to Donate: Olde Town Pizza has agreed to again host a dine to donate event in June. Carol will contact them to confirm a date.

Community Read Project: Maureen Dix contacted Candlewick Press with a couple of possible titles of books for the annual kindergarten read project. Unfortunately, they are only available in hard cover which makes them cost prohibitive. Candlewick suggested several other publishing firms. Maureen will follow up.

Library Summer Read Program: The Friends will participate in the summer read program. What our part will be has yet to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Book Sale: The annual spring book sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 21st and 22nd. Set up and Friends only sale will be on Friday, April 20th. The library youth group will be asked to assist with set up and carrying books. Marilyn stated that publicity has already gone out. Signs will be placed on the library lawn on Monday, April 16th. The Sunday fill a bag price has increased to \$3.00. Judy circulated a sign up sheet for volunteer workers.

Fall Fundraiser: The possibility of holding a tea as a fundraiser was suggested. Cookie stated that the Amherst Historical Society's Grange Hall may be available as a possible site. She will check. A Sunday afternoon in September was suggested. Charlene volunteered to prepare food at cost. Hiring violinist Mary Beth Ions as entertainment was mentioned.

Chocolate Walk: The Friends will contribute to the Annual Wine and Chocolate Walk, possibly donating a book by Paula McLain or tickets to the Author Luncheon.

2019 Author Luncheon: The 2019 Author Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 24th at Heritage Presbyterian Church. Suggestions for possible authors include David Giffles, Sam Thomas and Claire McMillan. Further suggestions are welcome.

Nomination of Officers: Election of officers and chairpersons will be held in 2018. A nominating committee will be selected in August.

Adjourned: 11:43 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 28, 2018 11:15 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Dix, Secretary