

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MEETING APRIL 25, 2018**

**Called to Order:** 11:14 am

**Present:** Barbara Surovy, Sue Underwood, Regina Sakach, Kay Clark, Cookie McLoda, Bev Paige, Barbara Brown, Marilyn Hubbard, Diane Lamoreaux, Charlene Kalo, Carol Valenti, Judy Alexander, Sharon Vollmer, Maureen Dix

**Moderator:** Sharon Vollmer

**Past Minutes:** Approved

**Financial:** Checking: \$12,149.30 CD: \$5,652.54 Total Assets: \$17,801.84 Book Box: \$65.00

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Membership:** Barbara Surovy reports 99 members.

**Shelving:** Additional shelving, purchased by the Friends, was installed in the storage room behind the community room. The cost was \$425.95. They were a great help in displaying books for the book sale.

**Staff Lunch:** The Friends provided an appreciation lunch for 28 library staff members. Arabica catered. The cost was \$218.75. A thank you note was received from the staff.

**Book Sale:** The Spring Book Sale yielded a profit of \$1,000.00. Sharon thanked all who participated to making it a success. A thank you note will be sent to the library youth group who helped. The possibility of sponsoring a thank you pizza party for them was discussed.

**Shred Day:** Carol Valenti reports that all systems are go for the annual shred day on Saturday, July 14.

**2018 Author Luncheon:** Judy Alexander made a motion, seconded by Carol Valenti that Chef Dave Dix be chosen to cater the luncheon at a cost of \$9.25 per plate. A vote was taken. Motion carried. The menu will consist of chicken salad on a croissant, pasta salad, and a fruit cup with a veggie pizza appetizer. Cupcakes will be provided by Kiedrowski's Simply Delicious Bakery. Table favors will include Friends notepads and pens and library themed M&Ms. Centerpieces will be table lanterns. The speaker is Paula McLain. Her fee is \$500.00. The cost of the tickets is \$20.00. A deposit has been made to Heritage Presbyterian Church for the hall rental.

**Dine to Donate:** Carol Valenti continues to work with Olde Town Pizza to set a date in June for the event.

**Community Project:** Maureen Dix has tried contacting several publishers to obtain a book to read to the kindergarteners in the fall. So far she has received no response. She will continue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Chocolate Walk:** A decision was made to donate two Author Luncheon tickets to the Downtown Amherst Chocolate Walk on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Fall Fundraiser:** A decision was made to hold a tea on Sunday, September 16, 2018 at the Grange Hall in the Sandstone Historical Village. Mary Beth Ions has been contacted to provide entertainment. Charlene Kalo has volunteered to prepare the refreshments for the cost of the food. The hall can accommodate approximately 64 people. The cost of tickets will be \$20.00. The tea will be held from 2 to 4 pm. Profits from the event will go toward the purchase of books for the kindergarteners.

**2019 Author Luncheon:** Author Clair McMillan has been suggested as a possible speaker.

**Adjourned:** 11:53 am

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 23, 2018 11:15 am

**Respectfully Submitted:**

Maureen Dix, Secretary