

FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING APRIL 27, 2016

Called to Order: 11:15 am

Present: Clara Mowcomber, Sue Underwood, Marilyn Bronson, Cookie McLoda, Judy Alexander, Jack Broz, Jim Geer, Melanie Presler, Reggie Sakach, Bev Paige, Maureen Dix, Sharon Vollmer, Charlene Kalo, Barbara Brown

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: Accepted

Financial: Checking: \$12,469.69 CD: \$5,515.66 Total Assets: \$17,985.35 Book Box: \$238.15
Book Sale: \$1,164.40 IRS Form I90-N Filed

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Current membership is 128

March Program: Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes was a success with an audience of 38, mostly men.

Thank You: Maureen will send a thank you card to Don and Charlene for the Friends luncheon.

Habitat: Sharon thanked all of the Friends who volunteered to unpack and shelve books for Habitat for Humanity.

Spring Book Sale: Sue Underwood reported that the profits from the spring book sale were \$1,164.40.

Comments on Book Sale: Sharon thanked all of the Friends who helped with the set up and sale. She also thanked the Geer family for organizing the books and making signs. Jim has contacted several schools to see if they are interested in left over books. He will also deliver some left over books to Habitat for Humanity at the end of the week. The sale was advertised on Book Finder's website and several new customers were found that way.

Library Staff Luncheon: The Friends will be sponsoring a luncheon for library staff on Tuesday, May 10th. Mary Ann Kordelski will cater. Charlene, Kay and Cookie will set up.

June Program: Dine to Donate: Kathy Michaels is still trying to contact Olde Town Pizza for a date, hopefully in June.

July Programs:

July 12th: On Tuesday, July 12th Rachel Krych the Coupon Lady (175.00) will speak at 7:00 in the DeLloyd Room.

July 17th: On Saturday, July 16th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm the Community Paper Shredding Day (\$400.00) will take place in the library parking lot. There is a limit of 5 bags/boxes per car. Marilyn has contacted the Boy Scouts and they are willing to help.

August Program: Sam Thomas, author of the Midwife's Tale and others. (\$175.00)

September: Cleveland TV Tales: Mike & Janice Olszewski. (200.00)

September: Community Project: "Maisy Goes to the Library". Books will be purchased when kindergarten enrollment figures are obtained.

2016 Author's Luncheon: Date: Thursday, October 27. Author: Paula McLain (\$500.00). Caterer: Sterk's. Ticket Price: \$15.00. Centerpieces: Themed place mats.

November Program: Carol Starre-Kmiecik portrayal of Dorothy Fuldhiem. (\$155.00)

November: Fall Book Sale

December: Violinist Mary Beth Ions?

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Author: The date for the 2017 Author's Luncheon will be Thursday, October 5th. The speaker is Dr. Mary Doria Russell, author of "Doc" and six other books.

Adult Programming: Library staff member Melanie Presler attended the meeting to discuss the adult programming schedule for 2017. Following a discussion it was decided that the Friends would submit approximately six programs for consideration each year to the library. The library staff will then be responsible for scheduling and publicizing the programs on the library website and elsewhere. In October we will meet again to discuss the budget.

Summer Reading Program: Melanie also informed the Friends of the adult summer reading program which will run from June 6th through the last Friday in July. She asked the Friends for the donation of a prize. Marilyn made a motion that 2 tickets to the Author's Luncheon be donated as a prize. Clara seconded. Motion carried. Cookie made a motion that a Friend's memberships also be donated as a prize. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Suggestion: A suggestion was made to create a program to help increase membership. It was decided that this was not needed.

Dues Increase: It was suggested that the annual dues be increased to \$10.00. A discussion followed and it was decided that the bylaws need to be checked to see if this is possible.

Bylaws Revision: Cookie and Judy volunteered to review the bylaws and make recommendations for possible changes.

Expenses: Barbara Brown requested that an annual list of expenses be published or attached to the January minutes. Sue Underwood will consider.

Minutes: Judy Alexander has contacted Kristen from the library to see if the Friends minutes can be moved to the Friends activities section of the library web site.

Adjourned: 12:08 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Dix, Secretary