

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
MAY 23, 2018**

Called to Order: 11:13 am

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

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: Approved

Financial: Checking: \$12,579.35 CD: \$5,652.54 Total Assets: \$18,241.89
Book Box after Book Sale: \$262.00 Book Box, April; \$98.13

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Barbara Surovy reports current membership at 99

Dine to Donate: Carol Valenti reported that the date for the Dine to Donate event is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 19th**. It will be held at Olde Town Pizza. A portion of both the dine in and take out profits for the day will be donated to the Friends. No coupon is necessary.

Annual Shred Day: Carol reconfirmed the date for the Friends annual shred day as Saturday, July 14th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Notifications from Downtown Amherst and Council President Jennifer Wasilk have been posted on Facebook.

2018 Author Luncheon: A deposit has been made on the hall at Heritage Presbyterian Church, Author Paula McLean (\$500.00), and Chef Dave Dix (\$9.25 per plate), have been confirmed. Table favors have been decided. Cupcakes will be ordered from Kiedrowski's. Tickets have been printed. A request was made to stress donations to the church food pantry.

Fundraiser Fall Tea: The date for the Fall Tea has been set for Sunday, September 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The Grange Hall at The Amherst Historical Society's Sandstone Village has been obtained as the venue at no cost. Violinist Mary Beth Ions will provide entertainment for a \$250.00 fee. Charlene Kalo has volunteered to cater the event for the cost of the food which she estimates will be around \$200.00. Eight round tables seating eight people each are available. Tablecloths will be rented. Judy Alexander plans to donate a culinary themed gift box to be used as a door prize. The possibility of having a few small raffles or a donation box was discussed. Ticket price is \$20.00. Proceeds from the tea will be used toward the purchase of books for the kindergarten community project.

NEW BUSINESS

Library Youth Group: In appreciation for their help, especially with the book sale, the Friends will donate \$125.00 to the library youth group. Nancy Tomek, Youth Services Manager will use the money to purchase gift cards to Hot Dog Heaven and pizza for meetings. Judy Alexander made a motion for the donation, Regina Sakach seconded. Motion carried.

Pens: Kay Clark made a motion, seconded by Marilyn Hubbard, to purchase pens as table favors for the 2018 author luncheon. Maureen Dix presented a maxi-glide pen in sky blue, with Friends name and logo. The price for 250 pens is fifty five cents each with a \$12.00 set up fee. The total would be \$149.50. The motion carried.

Kindergarten Books: Maureen Dix presented samples of four books from Houghton-Mifflin-Harcourt Publishers for inspection. Our Library, by Eve Bunting was chosen. HMH offers a 50% discount on purchases of 25 or more books if the books are to be donated. Judy Alexander presented a form from Scholastic Literacy Partnerships, who also offer discounts on books that will be donated. Maureen will look into this.

2019 Author Luncheon: No author for the 2019 luncheon has been selected as yet. Members are currently reading a book by Claire McMillan to determine if she may be a possibility. Sam Thomas will also be contacted.

Election of Officers: Elections of officers will be held this year. A nomination committee will be selected in August. New member Shirley Whittemore was introduced.

Adjourned: 11:57 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 27th at 11:15 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Dix, Secretary