

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
MAY 24, 2017**

Called to Order: 11:15 am

Present: Carol Valenti, Laura Dulmage, Judy Alexander, Charlene Kalo, Nancy Tomek, Sue Underwood, Marilyn Bronson, Cookie McLoda, Marilyn Hubbard, Diane Lamoreaux, Sharon Vollmer, Barbara Brown, Kay Clark, Reggie Sakach, Bev Paige, Maureen Dix

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: Approved

Financial: Checking: \$13,467.32 CD: \$5,590.28 Total Assets: \$19,057.60

Book Box, April: \$100.75 Book Box, May: \$200.00 Amazon Smile: \$12.68

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Barbara Surovy reports current membership is 103.

Community Project: Maureen Dix will order "The Library Lion" when kindergarten enrollment figures are known.

Staff Luncheon: The annual library staff luncheon was a success thanks to the hard work of Judy Alexander, Cookie McLoda and Charlene Kalo.

Amazon Smile: The first quarterly deposit from Amazon Smile was made into the Friends checking account. The total was \$12.68. Information regarding registration was sent to Friends members. It will be added to both the library home site and the Friends site on the library's web page.

Book Sale Bags: The current inventory of blue plastic bags will be given to the circulation desk for their use. Charlene received a donation of 500 cloth bags which will be used at the Sunday afternoon fill a bag sale. She expects to receive a donation of another 500 bags!

Book Sale Location: Following a discussion with Don Dovala Charlene reported that future book sales will continue to be held in the community room.

Book Group Books: A question had been raised regarding the donation and following sale of book group books by other libraries. Don Dovala explained that the Friends donate funds toward the purchase of book group books as a gift, the books become the property of the library and it is the library's decision as what to do with them.

Plant A Seed: The library will kick off the summer adult reading program on Monday, June 5th. The Friends were invited to have a table. We will offer Friends membership, note pads, pencils, Amazon Smile info, magnets and candy. Charlene will set up the table. Carol Valenti, Marilyn Hubbard, Cookie McLoda and Judy Alexander volunteered to man the table. Cookie volunteered to donate candy.

Dine to Donate: Carol contacted **Olde Town Pizza and confirmed Tuesday June 20th** as our annual dine to donate event.

NEW BUSINESS

Quarry Bear: Quarry Bear will participate in the Memorial Day parade. Sue Underwood will give a check to Charlene to cover the expense.

Book Sale Hours: Judy Alexander suggested that the working hours for volunteers at the book sale be shortened.

2017 Author's Luncheon: Diane Lamoreaux made a motion that the price of tickets should be kept at \$15.00. Kay Clark seconded. Motion passed.

2018 Author's Luncheon: A completed contract has been received from Paula McLean to speak at the 2018 Author's Luncheon on October 18th.

Paper Shredding Event: Sharon Vollmer reported that Ohio Secure Shred has been sold, but that the new company will provide services. Carol will contact them to confirm the July 15th date and other details.

Fall Book Sale: The dates for the fall book sale are Friday, Saturday and Sunday November 3, 4 & 5.

Book Nook Box: The wooden book nook box that hold donations was in need of repair. Library staffer Tina Monda and her husband Mark repaired it and rehung it at a lower, more convenient height.

Walking on Wednesdays: The library will not participate in Walking on Wednesdays this summer. Although there was a good turnout for programs held on the lawn, it was felt that not enough people came inside the library.

Explorers Club: The new teenage group founded by Youth Service Manager Nancy Tomek will volunteer with Mainstreet Amherst for Walking on Wednesday.

Fundraiser Brunch: No action has been taken regarding a possible fundraiser brunch. It will be tabled for now.

Adjourned: 11:48 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 11:15 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Maureen Dix, Secretary