

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING JUNE 28, 2017**

Called to Order: 11:13 am

Present: Charlene Kalo, Judy Alexander, Laura Dulmage, Kay Clark, Diane Lamoreux, Barbara Brown, Regina Sakach, Beverly Paige, Joyce Mulder, Sue Underwood, Marilyn Bronson, Maureen Dix, Carol Valenti, Sharon Vollmer, Barbara Surovy

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: Accepted

Financial: Checking: \$13,043.01 CD: \$5,590.28 Total Assets: \$18,633.29
Book Box, May: \$200.31 Book Box, June: \$150.00

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Barbara Surovy reports membership is 103.

Paper Shredding Project: The annual community paper shredding event is scheduled for Saturday, July 15th from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm in the library parking lot. Vice president Carol Valenti has been in contact with the new vendor, Shred It. The cost will be the same as last year, \$375.00. The truck will arrive no later than 9:30 am. Don Dovala will decide on the location for the truck in the parking lot. The members of Boy Scout Troop 494 will assist with unloading paper from automobiles. Judy Alexander will purchase water and snacks for the scouts. Treasurer Sue Underwood has written a check for \$150.00 for the scout troop's treasury. Kay Clark, Barb Brown Barb Surovy, Judy Alexander, Cookie McLoda and Diane Lamoreux have volunteered to help direct traffic.

Dine to Donate: The annual dine to donate fund raiser was held on June 20th. Carol Valenti will contact Olde Town Pizza to find out how much we will receive.

Amazon Smile: Judy Alexander will work with library staff to get Amazon Smile sign up information posted on the library website and the Friends page.

Plant A Seed: Perhaps because of predicted bad weather, the attendance at the Plant A Seed summer reading program was poor. Non the less, violinist Mary Beth Ions was excellent.

Quarry Bear: Quarry Bear participated in the Memorial Day parade. He will not be involved in Walking on Wednesdays this summer.

Book Nook: Kay Clark reports that sales from the book nook under the stairs are doing well.

Community Project: Judy Alexander expects to be able to obtain kindergarten enrollment figures soon. Maureen Dix will then purchase copies of The Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Author's Luncheon: Contracts have been signed with Mary Doria Russell, Heritage Presbyterian Church and Sterks Catering. The boxes for the table favors have arrived and will be assembled. Ticket prices will remain at \$15.00 for this year, but may need to be adjusted in the near future. Marilyn Bronson announced that the hall rental fee will increase next year. Also, the speakers fees have been on the rise, as is the cost of food.

Fall Book Sale: The dates for the fall book sale are November 4th and 5th with set up on the 3rd. It will again be held in the community room. The shifts for the volunteers will be shorter. The recently donated cloth bags will be used for the Sunday afternoon two bucks a bag sale. Hopefully the library youth group will again lend a hand.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library: Judy Alexander has been following Lorain County's progress in instituting a branch of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Every child born in Lorain County would be eligible to receive a total of 60 books from birth to entry into kindergarten. The target date for starting the program in January 1, 2018.

2018 Fundraiser Brunch: The possibility of hosting an off site fundraiser brunch featuring a children's author is being researched. Judy is currently reading books by an author she feels may be a candidate. A suggestion was made that proceeds may be donated to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Friends Bulletin Board: Charlene Kalo volunteered to post fliers of current events on the Friends bulletin board. Barb Surovy will continue to post seasonal decorations.

County Shredding Truck: Marilyn Bronson presented a newspaper article stating that Lorain County has purchased a paper shredding truck. She gave it to Carol Valenti who will investigate the possibility of it being used for our annual event. This could possibly save money for the Friends group.

Adjourned: 11:57 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 11:15 am

Respectfully Submitted, Maureen Dix, Secretary