

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING  
AUGUST 23, 2017**

**Called to Order:** 11:15 am

**Present:** Barbara Surovy, Charlene Kalo, Sharon Vollmer, Sue Underwood, Marilyn Hubbard, Diane Lameroux, Reggie Sakach, Judy Alexander, Kay Clark, Cookie McLoda, Carol Valenti, Maureen Dix

**Moderator:** Sharon Vollmer

**Past Minutes:** Accepted

**Financial:** Checking: \$13,580.60 CD: \$5,590.28 Total Assets: \$19,170.88  
Book Box: \$150.39

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Membership:** Barb Surovy reports that the current membership is 105.

**Shredding Event:** Sharon Vollmer reported that no bill has been received for the July shredding event. Carol Valenti will follow up with the company.

**Fun Fair:** Charlene Kalo reported that attendance at the library's annual fun festival was lower than usual.

**Web Site:** Sharon reported that all outdated photos have been removed from the Friends portion of the library's web site as we requested.

**Amazon Smile:** Judy Alexander is working with library staff member Kristen on getting information about the Amazon Smile project added to the web site.

**Community Project:** Three hundred ninety copies of "Library Lion" by Michelle Knudsen were delivered to the library. The price of each, after a 55% discount, is \$3.15, with a final cost of \$1,226.74. Judy Alexander obtained kindergarten enrollment figures; Powers Elementary – 217, Firelands Elementary – 125, St. Joseph Elementary – 25. Judy printed stickers to be placed in each book. Friends board members placed the stickers following the August board meeting

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers will be needed to read "Library Lion" to kindergarten classes. Judy will determine the date. It will probably be in late September or early October. You may contact Judy at 440-823-2823.

**Contribution to Library:** A report was received from Don Dovala stating that the cost of a white board has yet to be determined but contributions for toward the cost of book group books and adult programs would be accepted. Diane Lamoreaux made a motion to donate \$3,000.00 to the library, \$1,500.00 toward the programs and \$1,500.00 toward books. Marilyn Hubbard seconded. Motion carried.

**2017 Authors Luncheon:**

Tickets are now available for the 2017 Author's Luncheon featuring Mary Doria Russell. The price is still only \$15.00. Judy is in the process of designing the program.

A copy of "Doc" and a copy of "Epitaph" will be donated as door prizes.

Lunch will be provided for the audio-visual person, the minister, the author and the book seller.

Four tickets were donated to the Chocolate Walk and the Plant A Seed program.

The possibility of increasing the ticket price next year was discussed. The cost of the meal, the speakers fee and the cost of the venue have all increased within the past few years.

**Volunteers Needed:** Table favors will be assembled and filled at 11:15 on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in the library community room. At noon a light lunch will be served. Volunteers are welcome. Please RSVP Sharon (for a lunch count) if you plan to participate. Her number is 440-984-3162. The board members will hold their normal meeting following the lunch.

**Book Sale:** The fall book sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Set up and Friends preview sale will be on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Suggestion:** A suggestion from Fran Smith was received suggesting David Miraldi, author of "Edge of Innocence, Casper Bennett Trial" be considered as a possibility for the 2019 Author's Luncheon. David is a local retired attorney and the book tells a fictionalized story of an actual murder that took place in Lorain in 1963-64.

**DM Pulley:** Sharon reported that DM Pulley is releasing her third novel "The Unclaimed Victim" in November. She presented "The Dead Key" at our 2015 Author's Luncheon.

**2018 Author's Luncheon:** The luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The speaker will be Paula McLean.

**Quarry Bear:** Charlene reported that Jose, who has been the personality of the Quarry Bear is retiring. He will be leaving

the area to attend the Presbyterian seminary. Kay Clark made a motion that the Friends send him a thank you gift of \$50.00, Judy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjourned:** 11:56 am

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017 11:15 am

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Maureen Dix, Secretary