

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING, JANUARY 24, 2018**

Called to Order: 11:18 am

Present: Judy Alexander, Sharon Vollmer, Maureen Dix, Rocco Rubino, Cookie McLoda, Sue Underwood, Charlene Kalo, Barbara Surovy, Kay Clark, Bev Paige, Marilyn Bronson, Regina Sakach

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: Minutes from the November meeting were approved. There was no December meeting.

Financial:

November: Checking: \$10,802.22 CD: \$5,590.28 Total Assets: \$16,392.50

December: Checking: \$10,875.80 CD: \$5,590.28 Total Assets: \$16,466.08

Book Box: November: \$266.89 December: \$73.58

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Barbara Surovy reports that the current membership renewal is 73.

Shelving: Judy Alexander reports that she has spoken with Don Dovala and that shelving will be installed in the storage area adjoining the community room. This will be used during the book sales.

Blue Bags: The blue plastic bags have arrived and are currently being used at the circulation desk.

Amazon Smile: Treasurer Sue Underwood reports that no recent deposits have been made by Amazon Smile. She states that the deposits are made semiannually.

Quarry Bear: The library youth group has assumed responsibility for filling the Quarry Bear costume. The Friends will continue to maintain the upkeep of the costume, dry cleaning etc.

Publicity: Marilyn Bronson reports that there is no current publicity.

Hospitality: Judy Alexander and Cookie McLoda report that everything is under control for the Friends annual meeting and luncheon.

Web Site: Judy will contact Kristen to update the Friends section of the library web site. 2017 minutes will be deleted and January minutes will be added.

Annual Audit: The Friends financial records will require an annual audit in February. Kay Clark and Bev Paige have volunteered to do this.

Annual Meeting and Luncheon: The Friends annual meeting and luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 28th at noon in the DeLloyd room in the library. Reservations are necessary.

Please call Judy at 440-823-2823 before February 24th to make your reservation.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Authors Luncheon: Three caterers were suggested for the authors luncheon; Sterks, Pink Peppercorn and Blue Ribbon. It was decided that we should choose someone within Lorain County. It was also suggested that something other than the usual chicken salad be served. Sterks offered either a turkey or veggie wrap and a fruit cup for between \$8.50 - \$9.50 each.. Pink Peppercorn offered a sandwich or a grilled chicken or steak salad for \$9.00 - \$9.50 each. Currently Pink Peppercorn is the favorite.

Luncheon Ticket Price: The ticket price for the Authors Luncheon has remained \$15.00 for the past 13 years. Due to the increased cost of nearly everything, especially caterer and speaker fees, it was felt that an increase in ticket price was due. Kay Clark made a motion that the ticket price be increased to

\$20.00. Marilyn Bronson seconded. Motion carried.

Dine to Donate: Carol Valenti will contact Olde Town Pizza to see if they are interested in hosting our annual dine to donate fund raising event this summer.

Community Shred: A suggestion was made that the Friends look into obtaining the county's shredding truck for the annual Community Shredding Day in July. Sharon reported that there is no cost for this, but the amount that an individual can shred is much less than with Shred It. Shred It charges between \$300.00 and \$400.00. They allow up to five black garbage bags or boxes whereas the county allows only three T shirt sized bags. It was decided to continue with Shred It. Carol will contact them to arrange for an event on Saturday, July 15th. Marilyn will contact the Boy Scouts for help with the project.

Community Book Project: A discussion was held concerning continuing the Community Book Project now that the Dolly Parton Imagination Library is available to all preschool children in Lorain county. It was decided that the Friends will continue purchasing a book for each kindergartener in the library's district. We will also continue to read the book in the classrooms and present a book to each child. This project has been very positively received by the schools, teachers, and students. It also helps to fulfill the Friends mission of encouraging reading. Maureen Dix will investigate purchasing an appropriate book.

Staff Appreciation Day: Charlene will check the library calendar to schedule a date for a staff appreciation luncheon. The possibility of using Arabica to cater was mentioned.

Library Summer Read Program: The Friends will consider participating in the Library Summer Read Program.

Chocolate Walk: The Friends will consider participating in Main Street Amherst's annual Chocolate Walk on May 20th. The possibility of donating a book and/or two tickets to the Authors Luncheon was discussed. A decision will be made in the future.

Book Sale: A suggestion was made that the price of the bag of books at the Sunday Book Sale be increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00. Marilyn Bronson made a motion and Sue Underwood seconded. Motion carried.

2019 Author's Luncheon: Judy Alexander has emailed David Miraldi to see if he may be available as a possible speaker for the 2019 Authors Luncheon. He is the author of The Edge of Innocence, about a murder in Lorain in the 1960's.

Election of Officers: Officers will need to be elected for 2019 – 2020. There is a possibility of several openings on the board. Committee chairs will also be needed.

2018 Fund Raising Project: It has been noted that money is continuing to be spent on various projects, but a limit amount has been coming in. A suggestion was made that a 2018 Tea fundraiser be held. Charlene Kalo volunteered to prepare the food. Cookie McLoda volunteered to obtain the Amherst Historical Society's Grange Hall for the event. Women in History will be contacted for the possibility of a speaker. A suggestion of a Sunday at 2:00 pm was made. Judy Alexander made a motion that a 2018 Tea fundraiser be held. Maureen Dix seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adjourned: 11:13 am

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting and Luncheon, February 28th, 2018, noon in the DeLloyd Room