

**FRIENDS OF THE AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2015**

Called to Order: 11:18 am

Present: Cookie McLoda, Marilyn Hubbard, Judy Alexander, Charlene Kalo, Regina Sakach, Beverly Paige, Marilynn Bronson, Sue Underwood, Kay Clark, Sharon Vollmer, Maureen Dix

Moderator: Sharon Vollmer

Past Minutes: Approved

Financial: Checking: \$12,597.56 C.D: \$5,447.69 Total Assets: \$18,045.25 Book Box: \$150.00

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Current membership is 128. Goal is 130.

Community Project: Several Friends members went to Powers , St. Joseph and Firelands elementary schools and read "I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato" to the kindergarten classes. A copy of the book was presented to each student and teacher. A good time was had by all.

September Program: There were 27 in attendance for the September program presented by Betty Rozakis.

Shelves: Don Dovala will order shelves for the main floor men's and women's restrooms. The Friends will make a donation to cover purchase and installation.

Plaques: No recent action has been taken on the purchase of plaques for the DeLloyd and Gerstenberger rooms.

2015 Author's Luncheon:

Board Meeting: The October board meeting will be held one week early, on Wednesday, October 14th in order to finalize plans for the luncheon.

Tickets: Final date to purchase tickets is Wednesday, October 14th. A free ticket will be presented to the author, bookseller, the pastor and the sound person from Heritage Presbyterian Church.

Invocation: The invocation for the luncheon will be given by Reverend Jennie Walker Noyes of Heritage Presbyterian Church.

Author: Maureen Dix will contact author D.M. Pulley to see what equipment she will need.

Author Introduction: Maureen will introduce the author.

Food: Pink Peppercorn will cater the luncheon at a discounted price of \$7.00 per lunch in consideration of the mix up last year. The food is to be delivered at 11:15 am.

Dessert: Fall themed cupcakes (half white, half chocolate) from Kiedrowski's Simply Delicious Bakery will be delivered prior to 11:00 am.

Set-Up: Volunteers are needed for set up at 9:30. The church will take care of the tables and chairs, but help will be needed with assembling the centerpieces, food tables etc. Please contact Sharon at 984-3162 if you can help.

Table Cloths, Etc: Judy Alexander will purchase table cloths and place mats. She will also handle the printing of bookmarks, table signs and programs.

Creamer: Judy will purchase creamers.

Ice: Kay Clark will purchase ice.

Pots: Charlene Kalo will bring pots for coffee, hot and cold water.

Food Collection Boxes: Marilynn will obtain boxes for food pantry collection items.

Kitchen Detail: Volunteers are needed for kitchen detail. Contact Sharon at 984-3162 if you can help.

Table Release: Cookie McLoda will handle releasing the tables for lunch.

Program Order:

Welcome: Sharon will request that cell phones be turned off and will present a listing of Friends board members.

Introduction of Speaker: Maureen will introduce D.M. Pulley

Speaker

Raffle of Books: Sharon will announce the winners and introduce the minister.

Invocation: Reverend Walker Noyes

Table Release: Cookie will release tables for lunch

Lunch

Closing Comments: Sharon will announce winners and make closing comments.

Book Sales and Signing: Author will be available for signing books. Books will be available for purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

November Program: Marilyn Bronson has begun publicity for the program which will be presented on Wednesday November 4th. Charlene Connors will present a portrayal of Laura Ingalls Wilder in the DeLloyd room at 7:00.

December Program: Violinist Mary Beth Ions will return on Wednesday, December 9th to present a program of seasonal and other music in the DeLloyd room at 7:00. Light refreshments will be served.

Fall Book Sale: Sign up sheets were circulated for the Fall Book Sale which will be held on Saturday, November 14th and Sunday, November 15th. There will be a special sale for Friends members on Friday, November 13th. Contact Judy Alexander if you are able to help with the set up on the 13th, or with sales.

Signs: Signs announcing the sale will be placed on the library's lawn on Monday November 9th.

2016 Author's Luncheon: Paula McLain has agreed to be the speaker for the 2016 Author's Luncheon. She will discuss her latest book, "Circling the Sun", which spent several weeks recently on the New York Times best seller's list. Sue Underwood will provide a copy of the contract for Maureen to send to Paula.

2016 Programs: Author Sam Thomas will be contacted to see if he is available to speak at an evening program. He has published several books since he was here last.

Adjourned: 11:48 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Dix, Secretary