

**Antioch Library Friends
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 7
10 a.m.**

In attendance: Raven Farias, Dolores Tito, Marilyn Cotteleer, Eileen Ostrander, Ardeen Harris, Jessica Wisdom, Sandy White, Dee Drew, Pat Userbowski, Amy Blue, Ruby Hall and Darlene Clauson

Treasurer's Report

August is the first month in 2017 where book shop sales are up over 2016. The YTD income is as follows:

Book Shop: \$3,858

Auctions: \$768

Donations: \$159

Membership: \$805

Other Revenue: \$1,025

For a total of: \$6,615.

At the end of August, the checking balance was \$19,554.86.

Silent Auctions

In July, the silent auction made \$27.

In August it made \$110.

Our YTD total is \$813 which compares to last year's YTD of \$825.

There was some discussion about soliciting for donations.

Jessica will have an original piece of art work to auction starting at the book sale. She will put a picture in the display case for a monthly auction. She suggested a reserve price of \$45-\$75.

Membership

Amy gave out a Membership Report. She will try to get an idea of past YTD memberships for comparison for the October meeting.

Jessica mentioned next year in the spring doing more of a membership drive to get more memberships.

The idea of a two year membership was also discussed.

It was also mentioned that maybe Becky could advertise Friends' memberships in the Connections magazine. Amy will follow up on that.

Library Requests

Amy had two requests from the library. One was for \$5,000 to purchase additional e-books for their collection to shorten hold lists. The other was for \$2,000 to start a Playaway Launch collection in the Children's Department. Playaway Launch are tablets preloaded with educational games.

She also mentioned that the library would appreciate the Friends' continued support of our yearly summer reading programs as in past years for \$4,000, but she will submit a formal request in January.

Amy will give a list of titles purchased by Friends for our e-book collection at the October meeting.

There was some discussion of these items.

Darlene moved to approve the purchases as presented. Pat seconded. All voted aye. Amy received a check from Sandy for \$7,000.

Amy will see if we can get some LaunchPads in for the book sale to show what the Friends have purchased with their proceeds.

Fall Book Sale

Sandy, Dee and Marilyn are on the Book Sale committee.

Pat will change the banner dates and the committee will be meeting soon.

Amy will talk to Roy about setting up the tables for the book sale.

There was some discussion of the pricing for nice hardcover children's picture books. It was mentioned that \$.50 seems like a low price for such nice books. We didn't want to charge more at the book sale though, because special pricing is hard for the cashiers. It was decided to hold back the nicer hardcover children's picture books for an upcoming auction.

There was some discussion about implementing a system to tell how long books have been in the book shop and then getting rid of them at a certain time. Because the stairwell is completely emptied out once a year after the book sale, the book sale doesn't need such a system. Book Shop volunteers were reminded if they've seen a title in the Book Shop for a long time, they are welcome to put it in the free box to get rid of it.

Thrift Books

Sandy has been communicating with the Thrift Book sales representative to set up an account with them. They will take the book sale leftovers and will pay half the shipping cost. Then the library gets half of the proceeds when they are sold.

She read over some of their criteria for taking books: they will take textbooks less than 10 years old, travel books less than 3 years old, hardcover (no more than 3 copies of a single title), trade fiction and non-fiction. No audiovisual.

Amy will start saving boxes from the library to use to ship the book sale leftovers.

It was decided to give Thrift Books a year trial and see how it goes.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 5 at 10 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.