

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee Meeting

2 November 2017

In attendance: Elizabeth Winters, Darlene Clauson, Marilyn Cotteleer, Laura Fowler, Carolyn Zimmerman, Sany white, Pat Usterbowski, Eileen Goodman, Sari Brindel

Welcome to new active members

We welcomed Liz, Carolyn and Sari to our Executive Committee

Approval of October Minutes

Sandy moved and Pat seconded to approve the October minutes; all voted aye.

Book Sale Results

The book sale made \$3,457, which includes \$2,514 in total sales, \$798 from the small spring book sale, \$155 in memberships. This was the highest sale in 3 years. Last year, the sale made \$2,288, \$140 in memberships and \$871 in earlier sales for a total of \$3,299.

Leftovers were given to the Children's Advocacy Group, Bernie's Book Bank and God's Will resale. In addition, 84 boxes have been packed to be sent to Thriftbooks.

Financial Report

The Friends made \$150 from the Wings, Etc. fundraiser.

Year to date: the Book Shop has made \$4,280 which is down 20% from last year at this time.

Becky is putting a reminder in the upcoming newsletter about smile.amazon.com and designating the Friends as a beneficiary.

The bank balance as of November 2 was \$16,589 which is up from the beginning of the year, even including the over \$8,000 donated to the library and the lower book shop sales.

For October, the Book Shop made \$627, the Auctions made \$58 and there was \$10 in memberships.

There was a question regarding why the Friends pay sales tax although they are not for profit. The state doesn't exempt not for profits from sales tax; we only pay on half of our sales because according to law, if we can identify the purchaser, we don't have to pay sales tax on it. Since we can't always, the sales are divided in half. Sue Suski, a banker and past president, worked with the Illinois Department of Revenue to assure we were in compliance.

Thriftbooks

There was some discussion of the shipping of the 84 boxes of book sale leftovers to be shipped to Thriftbooks. It will be cheaper to palletize them but there seems to be some question as to how that is done. On November 10, the St. Peter's Youth Group is going to volunteer in the afternoon to bring all the boxes upstairs to the receiving area.

The boxes may take up as many as 3 pallets and could stay in maintenance for up to a week. Amy will check with Roy to make sure this is ok.

Auctions

The framed original artwork in October's auction made \$90. There were no bids on some items.

In November, the auction tries to focus on items people would buy as Christmas gifts. Pat got a donation of some American Girl items, so she is going to put those in for November, along with one of the dolls that were donated.

There is also a Vegas Café gift certificate as well as soup cups in for November.

Through October, the auctions have made \$1,037 for the year.

Members were reminded to bring in new or gently used items for upcoming auctions as the Friends are always looking for ideas.

Raven's Mysterious Discovery

In a book called, *High Visibility*, Raven found a book safe that contained 2 cocktail rings. Sandy is taken them in to be appraised. Some effort was made to find out who the owner was to no avail. The library decided to hang on to it for 6 months in case someone comes forward and after that, it will be the Friends'.

Doll Donation

There was some discussion of what to do with the dolls that were donated earlier in the year. Some have been in the auction and one person has been buying. It was decided that we would continue to put one in every couple of months to see how they go.

Categories in Book Shop

Darlene reminded everyone that all trade paperbacks, whether fiction or non-fiction, should be shelved on the trade shelf by the glass facing the magazines. Also, she proposed getting rid of Pets as a category due to low donations in that subject.

Chamber Membership

There was some discussion of whether to continue our annual chamber membership for the cost of \$50 a year.

There is a luncheon or breakfast once a month and we do not always attend these. We do get a directory listing and it allows us to participate in chamber events.

Jessica moved we continue our membership, all voted to continue.

Volunteer Search

The St. Peter's Youth Group is volunteering November 10. Jessica reached out to the Boy Scouts, National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society. Jessica had emailed the membership and some members did come to this meeting.

Christmas Luncheon

There was some discussion of where to hold the annual Christmas Luncheon. Johnny's Chophouse is no longer open for lunch. It was decided that we would go to Oliverii's on Thursday, December 7 at 12. Historically, many members have brought little treats or gifts to share with everyone at the luncheon. This is optional. The Friends have also usually made up a treat bag for the maintenance staff with a gift card.

Next Meeting is Thursday, January 4 at 10 a.m.