

**Antioch Library Friends
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 1, 2018**

In attendance: Eileen Goodman, Marilyn Cotteleer, Raven Farias, Pat Usterbowski, Amy Blue, Jessica Wisdom, Sari Brindel

Financial Report

Amy gave the financial report as Sandy was not there. The ending balance in the checkbook as of December 31 was \$17,434. In 2017, the bookstore made \$5,720 in book sales and \$1,199 in silent auctions. The book sales totaled \$3,342, membership revenue was \$995, there was \$224 in other donations and \$222 in other revenues. The Antioch Library Friends gave the library \$8,629 in 2017.

Amy did the deposit for the second half of January that day.

Sandy paid the 2017 sales taxes of \$300 and filed the 990-N with the state.

Silent Auctions

Pat commented that the silent auctions are doing ok. We could use donations of items to be auctioned. Amy will put it in the newsletter and Pat will send out an email to members requesting donations.

Book Shop

Please be careful when stocking the shop that you do not put heavy books hanging out over the shelves where they could fall on someone. Make sure all books are stable.

Amy reminded everyone to keep the stairwells clear of books to at least 4 feet around the corner for fire code.

Book Shop Stocking Schedule

Monday-Sari	Friday-Martha
Tuesday-Marilyn	Saturday-Marilyn
Wednesday-Eileen & Raven	Sunday-Eileen
Thursday-Darlene	

There was some discussion of whether the paperback freestanding spinning rack that is normally stocked with non-fiction should be stocked with fiction if there is no paperback non-fiction. It was decided to fill that rack with whatever paperbacks we have.

Found Jewelry

Sandy had the jewelry that was found in the book safe appraised at Old World Gem & Jewelry in McHenry. The cocktail ring was appraised at \$200 and the other one which has diamond chips totaling 1 Karat was worth \$525. They recommended starting the bidding at \$150 and \$400 respectively. They also cleaned and sized them. There was some discussion of what venue to use to auction them but no decision was reached. Sandy will contact them to request a letter from Old World Gem & Jewelry authenticating them.

Spring Book Sale or Thriftbooks

The stairwell is getting crowded so there was some discussion of whether to hold a Spring Bag sale on a Saturday to clear it out. It was decided not to and to instead do another shipment to Thriftbooks when Sandy returns. There is a pallet back by Roy now for that shipment.

There are a lot of CD's in the stairwell. Amy mentioned that the Village is holding an Eco Fair on Saturday, April 28 from 10 -2 at the Township Center and Becky said they would like the library to participate. The CDs might be a good thing to sell there as they are light to move. Becky confirmed that we will be allowed to sell if we have a booth there.

Donations of Extra Items

Sari mentioned that the senior apartments in town all have libraries and that those might be somewhere we could donate extra books. Amy said she does bring a few boxes to Millview Manor a couple of times a year, but often comes back with more than she took!

Marilyn read a letter from the Child Advocacy Group working out of the Courthouse to whom we donate children's books thanking us for supporting their program with our donations.

Library Request

Amy requested that the Friends donate \$4,000 to fund the 2018 Adult, Teen and Children's Summer Reading Programs. Jessica moved to approve, Sari seconded, all voted aye. Jessica wrote a check for \$4,000.

Upcoming Chamber/Village Events

Amy gave some highlights from an email Becky had sent out with the 2018 calendar of events. As mentioned above, April 28 will be the Eco Fair.

Wizarding Weekend June 16

Antioch Taste July 19-22

Fall Arts & Crafts Fair, Treat the Streets & Monster Bash- October 20

Beer & BBQ Walk October 27

Christmas Trees on Lake Street-Thanksgiving to Christmas

Dickens Holiday Village & Kringle's Christmas Village-Thanksgiving to Christmas

Farmer's Markets on Thursdays starting June 7.

2018 Book Sale

There was some discussion if we wanted to keep the Book Sale on Columbus Day weekend or move it to November. Jess pointed out that a lot of people (including Friends) are out of town that weekend so it is hard to staff and might not get a good turnout. The October 20 date might be good to do in conjunction with the Village events. However, the room is being used already that weekend. The weekend of November 15, 16, 17 & 18 is free. The library is closed on Veteran's Day, which is a Sunday this year. The room has been scheduled for Columbus Day weekend, but that can be changed. We will discuss in March.

Next Meeting

Thursday, March 1 at 10 a.m.