

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 2019

In attendance: Melonnie Hartl, Eileen Goodman, Marilyn Hall, Jessica Wisdom, Shirley Waters, Marilyn Cotteleer, Amy Blue, Ruby Hall.

Financials

Bank Balance as of October 2: \$18,907.38. The Book Sale made \$2614 total, \$2464 in sales, \$150 in memberships. The sale in 2018 made \$1732.

In September, the Book Shop made \$836 which is up \$99 from September 2018. In total year to date we are up \$1561 since 2018. The auction in September made \$47.

Auction

Raven was not in attendance, but she did call the winners of September's auction. Someone had won the CDs with an \$85 bid. The doll had no bids. Raven has restocked the auction for October.

Book Shop

Darlene was not present. We need new signage in the Book Shop. There might be the clip on signs downstairs. The magnets are not holding.

Darlene had wanted Romance shelved by publisher, but it was decided to discontinue this and just shelve Romance paperbacks however. Many volunteers are not currently shelving by publisher and customers don't seem to browse that way.

We lost some Romance in the recent ceiling leak but not too much.

Non-fiction black dots have all been pulled. Any black dotted books can now be pulled and discarded. Fiction needs to be finished being pulled. We need to blue dot the new non-fiction and fiction, even those on the cart. The blue dots are in the sorting area in the slot on the wall.

Please pull additional copies of the same book.

There was a suggestion that we do a special sale of CDs & DVDs or perhaps reduce their price to \$1.00.

The bottom row of items do not sell; customers do not bend down. There was also a suggestion of not using the top shelf either.

It was decided to combine all cookbooks, whether hardcover or softcover, in one section.

Foyer

The library would like the foyer clear at least 2/3 of the time, either for the library's use or to visually keep the area clear. The Friends will put up the tables for the last two weeks in October.

Book Sale

Every day made approximately \$640, very consistent across the sale. On Sunday, 120 bags were sold, which is up from 80 bags in 2018. This was attributed to having bags being sold upstairs as well as down.

Thursday night's preview sale is not as well attended as it has been in the past. Friday & Saturday were both steady, with Friday being busier than in years past. Sunday was much bigger than last year.

There was some debate about whether the booksale gave enough return to justify its effort.

Jess is going to purchase some semi-permanent signs for the categories to use at future book sales.

Thriftbooks Pickup

The Thriftbooks pickup had some hiccups. First they sent a truck that couldn't accommodate the pallet. Then when they did come, they wanted a loose bill of lading (the one was taped down). We cut it off and made a copy to give to him. He was supposed to call Jess en route so she could come and wrap the other two pallets. He didn't, so he ended up only taking the wrapped pallet and then leaving the other two. Jess wrapped the other two and will request a pick up.

Book Drop Off Day

This was a lot of work and we got a lot of junk. Jess estimates we kept about 60% of what was donated. Hometown Haulers hauled off the discards for \$100 which was a great deal. We handled about 7000 lbs of books that day. If it is ever done again, we will need more adult sorters and a sorting system set up in advance. It will have to be agreed upon by most members to get everyone to help out.

Library Requests

Amy presented requests for items that were cut from the 2019-2020 budget to make it balance. Here is what was requested:

6 sets of Meeper Bots for children's coding programs:\$1,500

Extra money for e-book purchases:\$3,000

2 iPads, cases, cords and bag with embroidered Friends logo to circulate: \$800

Amy will be asking for \$4,000 for summer reading programs, as well as money for circulating VR headsets and a TV for the children's storytime room in January. The library isn't ready for those quite yet.

Marilyn moved to spend \$5,300 on the library's requests; Shirley seconded, all voted aye.

Melannie cut a check for \$5,3000.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

The next meeting is Thursday, November 7 at 10 a.m.