

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2019

In attendance: Jessica Wisdom, Marilyn Cotteleer, Amy Blue, Darlene Clauson, Laura Fowler, Melonnie Hartl, Pat Usterbowski, Martha Rendak, Eileen Goodman

Financials

There was not a full financial report as Melonnie is having trouble accessing her files. She did know that the Book Shop Sales were up \$1500 for 2018 over 2017.

Melonnie requested that anyone making either a deposit or a withdrawal let her know so she knows how to categorize it in her report.

Book Shop sales have been up over the previous year for several months in a row. This might be in part due to the unstaffed sales in the foyer. Staffed sales are usually counted in a different category.

Auction Report

2018 was the lowest auction year ever, but not by much. Our total auction proceeds for 2018 were \$1120. 2017's total was \$1290 and 2016's was \$1134.

Some factors contributing to the low auction proceeds are: nothing to auction, no auction in August, items not picked up.

Jess had put out a call on Facebook for donated unwanted Christmas gifts.

She has a signed book by Verlana Johnson, her cousin, who is an artist and children's author and illustrator. *Kai and the Magical Machines* will also come with an original signed illustration from the book.

Pat reminded all that Best Pets donated a certificate for a bird once that got quite a few bids.

Someone asked Melonnie if the Environmental Commission could donate a plot in the Community Garden to auction. We could auction it with a gift certificate to S&S Nursery and some gardening books.

Next meeting, everyone should come prepared to suggest some potential places to ask for donations.

Book Shop

Darlene took some books that were not going to be sold in the Book Shop to Half Price Books in Vernon Hills. They gave her \$16.40 for some and disposed of the rest.

Upcoming Bag Sale

Amy thought she had only put the Saturday February 23 in the library's event calendar and on BookSaleFinder.com but she did have the Sunday as well.

Marilyn & Laura will work the Saturday morning, 9-1, Marilyn & Darlene will work 1-4:30

On Sunday Eileen and Marilyn will work 1-3 and Dolores and Marilyn 3-4:30

If someone can't make it, you can call: Alex Wisdom, Pat, Mel or Martha to fill in.

We have 57 bags from the Pig; we can get more that weekend if we need to.

Alex Wisdom will also take down the audiovisual items from the room the Friday before the sale as they will not be included in the bag sale.

There will also be no coffee table books included in the Bag Sale.

Mel will do the cash box.

Amy will check with Becky about making up signs for the sale.

Free Bins

There was much discussion about whether to keep the Free Bins out of the Book Shop for a while longer. There were 2 vehement patron comments about the lack of free bins, but only two. The Book Shop sales for January were up \$125 from January 2018, but the trend has been upward in preceding months. There was concern that the Free Bins were impacting sales. Marilyn thinks the bins are a good service to the community for those who cannot afford books and are ineligible for a library card. Some Book Shop volunteers thought it was nice to have the bins as a way to get rid of books that were in too poor condition to sell.

Darlene made a motion to leave the bins out until the end of March and reevaluate then; Melonnie seconded the motion. 3 voted for, 5 voted against so the motion failed.

Marilyn brought the bins back up.

January Library Requests

Amy had presented library requests for \$1,000 for an Accuquilt Machine and \$4,000 for the summer reading programs. They were tabled due to low attendance.

Jess had done a Facebook survey on whether people would use an Accuquilt—the results were completely 50/50. Darlene says she has a similar device that is much cheaper and most quilters do. She did a survey of her quilters' group and they said they wouldn't use such a device. Jessica called a vote—all voted no for the Accuquilt.

Jessica called a vote for the \$4,000 for the teen, adult & children's summer reading programs. All voted aye; Amy got a check from Melonnie.

Misc.

Jess got a Square card reader so we can take credit cards at the fall book sale.

Next meeting we need to choose a date for the Fall Book Sale to reserve the room. Amy has reserved September 26-29 tentatively.

The term of office is up for the current officers in June; Darlene, Mel & Jess said they would stay on for a second term.

Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Next Meeting is Thursday, March 7 at 10 a.m.

