

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 2020 10 a.m.

In attendance: Shirley Waters, Marilyn Hall, Carolyn Hounsell, Mary Lou Balazs, Marilyn Cotteleer, Amy Blue, Jessica Wisdom

Financial Report

Mel is in Florida. Amy did the January deposit on January 2. The total deposit was \$697.53. Of that, \$568.03 was the Book Shop. Membership was \$10, The silent auctions were \$23, the Poinsettia sales were \$75 and \$21.50 was from selling books to Half Price Books.

Also in December we made \$40.24 in Thriftbooks. In November we made \$72.75 from them. This covers our shipping from the three pallet shipment we made in September and now it is all profit. We have \$1.35 in our print cartridge recycling account.

Poinsettia Sales

The poinsettia sales were disappointing. The \$75 referenced above just broke even with what it cost to purchase them. We bought 20 originally. We sold 7 to library staff and Friends members, the flower shop bought back 8, we gave one to Open Arms and the rest made the Book Shop look festive. If we do it again we will publicize better and perhaps take advance orders so we know how many to buy.

Silent Auctions

There was no silent auction report. Jess said she is investigating business in Antioch who might donated "experiences," rather than things, for example, PM&L tickets.

Foyer Tables

In February the Friends can again set up foyer tables for the month. There are a lot of coffee table books to be sold. We will also sell the books with black dots on them and kids' books.

Recycling Books at St. Peter's

St. Peter's has a large recycling dumpster by the old school that they make money from. They have encouraged us to take our paperbacks and hardcovers with the covers removed there.

Holiday Luncheon

Thank you to all for a lovely holiday luncheon.

Book Shop

Darlene will be updating the instructions for the Book Shop stockers.

There are a few empty shelves in the Book Shop right now. No one seemed to know why they were empty so they will be filled.

There are 2 boxes of fabric in the stairwell—no one knows where they came from or what they are for so they will be thrown out.

There are many CDs withdrawn from the library to sell. They will be sold from a cart for \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.

For now we will leave the poinsettias in the room and Marilyn will water them.

There are about 100 black dot books left from last spring. We will try to sell these on the foyer tables in February. In September after the book sale, items were marked with blue dots. We will evaluate these in May or June for disposal.

Amy reminded everyone to please let staff know when you are done in the stairwell so they can rearm the door.

Mark Monahan from the Lake County Child Advocacy Center stopped in to thank the Friends for their donations of children's books to their cause.

Carolyn asked if we accept donations of audiobooks on CD. Amy mentioned the library is about to weed its collection so those will be sold in the room. Due to this, we will not encourage CD donations at this time. The library's discards will be sold for \$1.00.

2020 Book Sale

Amy suggested we reserve the Eide room for the Fall Booksale, as we start booking it up early. She has reserved the weekend of September 25, 26 and 27.

Update on Rings from a few years ago

About 4 years ago, 2 rings were found in a book safe in a donated book. Sandy had the rings appraised. The store she went to gave her a verbal appraisal of \$525 and \$200, but would not give her that in writing. The patron who bought the rings was in recently and said he had gone to the same store and they only offered him \$60 for the one that was appraised at \$525. He wasn't upset with the Friends or the Library, but he did think the shop was less than honest about it.

Upcoming Library Newsletter

Amy reminded everyone there is a newsletter coming up soon. We suggested putting in a request for silent auction donations.

Community Visibility

We had several community events last year to raise awareness of the organization. Amy will ask Becky about upcoming events around town that the Friends can participate in.

Library Request

Amy requested \$4,000 for the 2020 summer reading programs for all ages. This had been approved at an earlier meeting. She was unable to get the check, however, because Mel is out of town.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 6 at 10 a.m.