

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 6, 2020

In attendance: Mary Lou Balazs, Laura Fowler, Darlene Clauson, Carolyn Hounsell, Marilyn Cotteleer, Jessica Wisdom, Amy Blue, Shirley Waters

Financials

Mel was not present so there was no formal report. Amy deposited \$650.48 on February 1. Of this, \$69 was silent auction and \$581.48 was Book Shop. This is down from 2019 which was 607.01, but up from 2018 which was \$447.

Silent Auction

Raven wasn't present so there wasn't a whole silent auction report. Jess has a framed original piece by her father of a unicorn that will go up for auction at some point.

Book Shop

Jess ordered 36 more magnetic shelf labels for the Book Shop.

Finding Homes for Books not kept

Marilyn says using the St. Peter's recycle bin has been going well. Amy reminded all that the Methodist church also has a similar bin.

Darlene has brought books to Half Price Books in Vernon Hills. They will only take books in good condition and (probably?) not library withdrawals.

Thriftbooks does take library withdrawals and they take textbooks that we don't sell in the Book Shop.

For now, we are going to save books that are in decent enough condition not to throw away, but not good enough to sell for Thriftbooks rather than take them to Half Price Books to save the effort of travel. There is a pallet right inside the maintenance door where we can store them.

We made \$36.52 in January at Thriftbooks, this is after shipping has been paid for.

Volunteers

Mary Lou is now stocking the train station with paperbacks.

Darlene is updating the volunteer instructions.

Marilyn shared the annual report of the Children's Advocacy Center of the Lake County States Attorney's office. We donate children's books to them throughout the year.

Update on Found Craft Items

Jess found homes for the fabric and yarn that was in the stairwell. They will be used in part to help Australian animals.

Library Withdrawn Video Games

Jess did some research and found that some of the console games recently withdrawn by the library are worth some money so she will work on selling those online.

Community Awareness Events

Amy spoke with Becky and she gave some ideas of upcoming community events the Friends might want to participate in:
At the Library:

During National Library Week (week of April 20), Friends could set up in Foyer to promote or sell. We are having events all that week.

Friends could be part of the Champagne and Chocolate Walk (11/7/2020) or the Boozy Bites Bloodys and Beer (8/22/2020). They would give out the samples to participants and talk about their organization.

There is going to be another public art project. If the Friends buy a piece, they will be on the “around town” chamber map.

Around town:

The park district is going to be having once a month street market on Sundays on Skidmore, if the Friends want to set up there. It will be for the months of June, July and August. This will be instead of the Farmer’s Market on Thursdays.

Ideas for 35th Anniversary

Selling books for \$.35.

An Antique Appraisal event

80’s theme—highlight Friends activities, trivia contest

Keep thinking!

Print Cartridge Recycling

Evolve recycling now charges back when they can’t recycle a cartridge. Therefore we will no longer be sending to them. We have some boxes of cartridges already boxed up, but we will take the collection box out of the room.

Communication

Darlene requested that when sending to all members of the group to use bcc rather than cc to help cut down on spam email if an account is hacked.

Foyer Sales

Because we are planning the foyer sales months in advance, they can be promoted. The next one after February will be May. Amy will put this in the event calendar and in the newsletter.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 5 at 10 a.m.