

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee Meeting

March 7, 2019

In attendance: Jessica Wisdom, Darlene Clauson, Melonnie Hartl, Pat Usterbowski, Laura Fowler, Eileen Goodman, Dolores Tito, Becky Jacobson, Amy Blue

Financials

The Book Shop was up in January & February over 2018, which was also up over 2017.

In January, it made \$572, which is \$125 higher than January 2018.

In February, it made \$559, which is \$87 higher than February 2018.

The bag sale on February 23 & 24 made \$265, which is NOT included in the above numbers.

There were also 2 donations: \$23 from Amazon Smile and \$40.94 from the GE donor.

There was one membership: \$5

Expenses: Friends bought refreshments for the Candidates' Night. Melonnie reminded all that when you buy things for the Friends to please turn in a receipt for reimbursement.

Melonnie also asked for the ThriftBooks login so she can look at the income on there. They only issue a check when it has reached a certain threshold.

Silent Auction

January & February 2019 are the highest January & February since we've been doing the auctions!

January made \$102 and February made \$129, but not all items have been picked up yet.

Jess spoke with Tom Hausman at the Candidates' Night and PM&L might donate season tickets to the auction.

Bag Sale February 23

The bag sale on February 23 & 24 made \$265. We sold 44 bags on the first day and only 9 on the second; maybe in future we will only do a Saturday sale. Amy suggested Free Comic Book Day, Saturday, May 4, as a potential day for heavy foot traffic.

Book Shop

Darlene proposed swapping out the Spirituality and Business books in the Book Shop with whatever is in the stairwell on Business & Spirituality, as they haven't been moving. There was some discussion of what to do with books that haven't sold in the Book Shop. Darlene will donate the spirituality books to someone she knows.

Fall Book Sale

The dates for the Fall Book Sale were confirmed. The Members' Only Preview night will be 5-8:30 on Thursday, September 26. The main sale will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 27, 28 & 29. Amy has put it in the calendar and sent it to Book Sale Finder.com.

Jess reminded everyone that we don't want to get rid of too much inventory because we want our Fall Book Sale to be big. To this end, we will resurrect the Valet/Curbside Drop Off day sometime in September to boost the inventory.

Community Garage Sale

Last year the Friends made almost \$200 at the Antioch Women's Club Community Garage Sale at the pavilion. This year, the sale is on Saturday, May 11 and a booth costs \$25. We will be soliciting donations from Friends members for the sale and also from library staff.

Art on the Lawn

On Saturday, June 8, the Antioch Fine Arts Foundations is having their annual Art on the Lawn sale. A booth at this event costs \$35. There was some discussion of having a book art theme and selling them this day. Perhaps we will get together to fold pages and make framed art? With wine? June 8 is also the day we are having our Launch Event for the Summer Reading Program—a community scavenger hunt. Details to follow.

Candidate Forum

As noted above, the Friends sponsored the Candidates Night on Wednesday March 6. Turnout was low, but the conversations was good.

Amending By-laws

The library board is currently soliciting candidates for appointment due to several resignations. Currently, the Friends by-laws state that Officers of the Antioch Library Friends cannot serve on the Board of Trustees of the Library. There doesn't seem to be a similar Library Board rule although I believe Jennifer is still investigating. We will be revisiting the by-laws in an upcoming meeting as they haven't been looked at in a long time. They are attached.

Membership

Now that we are doing the 2 year membership there is some question of how to handle future memberships. Currently, the membership card is 2018-2020. It was decided to have a 2 year rolling membership. Amy will update the cards to read: "membership runs from May 1, 2019-April 30, 2021." There are 74 members who are lapsed but less than 5 years lapsed.

We will put a plea in the Summer Newsletter for new active members.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 approximately.

The next meeting is Thursday, April 4 at 10 a.m.