

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 2019

In attendance: Shirley Waters, Ashley Tamburrino, Marilyn Cotteleer, Darlene Clauson, Dolores Tito, Eileen Goodman, Melonnie Hartl, Jessica Wisdom, Amy Blue

Financial Report

In April, the Used Book Shop made \$789 which is up considerably from April 2018-\$523.

This is probably due in part to the coffee table book foyer sales. March 2019 (\$600) was down from March 2018 (\$778).

In addition, the Silent Auction made \$105 in April, there were 2 memberships (\$20), We got a check for \$36 from Thriftbooks, a sale of CDs made \$80 for a total revenue of \$1030.

Expenses for April were \$34 which covered postage and a new banner.

Silent Auction

Pat wasn't present so there was no Silent Auction report. Jess shared that the President of the Sequoits Booster club donated some Sequoit gear and a Sequoit Pride membership to auction off in the fall. Amy shared that the Fire Station in town donates "Firetruck Birthday Parties" and so that might be something to ask them for at some point.

Book Shop

Darlene shared that Lake Villa Library is having their book sale this weekend and she plans to go and see what she can learn.

Let Darlene know if you want to propose any changes in the Book Shop.

Crafting Update

Jess thanked everyone who came to the crafting afternoon, especially Melonnie who brought delicious wine. The crafting day on May 14 is canceled but will be rescheduled.

Meeting with Highwood PL Director

Thanks to everyone who met with Carmen Patlan last week. She is starting a Friends group and is looking for advice and best practices. Amy went to her first meeting at Highwood PL. They are going to do great things there. It's exciting that we are an example to area Friends groups.

Rummage Sale May 11

We are still looking for donations of smaller pieces that can be sold at a low price. Jess will be pricing to sell. If you have items, bring them to the upstairs stairwell with a note indicated it is for the rummage sale. Jess will be picking up the white tables the day before the sale. The Rummage Sale is staffed for volunteers, but come by and say Hi if you are so inclined.

Curbside Drop Off Day

Darlene had the idea to have the drop off day the Saturday before the Book Sale and just leave items in the Eide room for sorting. Unfortunately, the Eide room is booked that day. In future years, we can pre-book the Saturday before for the Drop Off Day. As it is, we can still have the Book Drop Off on **Saturday, September 21** from 9-12, but use the Board Room as the sorting area. Amy has reserved the Board Room for that day and put the Drop Off day in the event calendar.

Storage Areas

Amy moved the cart with the blue bins out of the upstairs stairwell.

There was some discussion about purchasing more of the white plastic baskets. They fit on the shelves nicely, but they are expensive (\$6 each). Marilyn is going to call Ace Hardware and see if they will give the Friends a deal on them.

Large Number of Children's Books

APLD continues to weed large numbers of children's books. Eileen brought a flier from St. Bede's advertising their upcoming rummage sale. They are accepting books. She will bring a few boxes to them. We can also donate to preschools, Bernie's Book Bank and the Children's Advocacy Group. Jess will also bring a box to sell at the Rummage Sale.

Amy mentioned maybe doing a foyer sale of children's books. It was decided to have them out from June 1-8 to coincide with the beginning of the summer reading program and our big launch event. We will have 3 tables out in the foyer this week with children's books.

Upcoming Newsletter

In the upcoming Newsletter, Amy will put in a plea for active volunteers, a mention of the Art on the Lawn book crafts, the children's book foyer sale, a mention of the print cartridge recycling program and a teaser plug for the booksale & curbside drop off (space permitting).

Wings, Etc. Fundraiser

The Wings, Etc. Fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for October 1-3. Jess will firm this up as it gets closer.

Printer Cartridges

Jess will be doing a printer cartridge shipment soon as the box is almost full.

ThriftBooks/Half Price Books

There was some discussion of the relative advantages/disadvantages of shipping to ThriftBooks versus hauling books to Half Price Books in Vernon Hills.

Summer Sales at the Farmer's Market

The library plans to have some storytimes at the farmer's market on Thursdays some weeks this summer. The Chamber has said that the Friends can sell books there as well. Amy will let everyone know exactly what dates we plan on participating.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be August 2 at 10 a.m. We often take August off but with the book sale in September it will be necessary to firm up some things.