

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 4 via Zoom

In attendance: Jessica Wisdom, Marilyn Cotteleer, Melonnie Hartl, Darlene Clauson, Laura Fowler, Becky Jacobson, Carolyn Hounsell, Mary Lou Balazs, Dana Bokhari, Raven Farias

Financials

Great sales in book shop in October, \$792. This could be in part due to the leftover bagged books from the book sale. Also, we currently have a book crafter and a bookseller who regularly purchase in quantity. There are two outstanding checks from Thriftbooks; we thought we were set up for direct deposit with them, but they have been issuing paper checks. We're waiting to see those checks direct deposit. Those checks equal \$122 which will be in addition to the \$792.

Half Price books only gave us less than \$2 for our last round of books; not worth it!

The bank balance at the end of October was \$9807.

Auctions

Jess is working out how to connect the eBay auctions to a Friends Paypal and get that Paypal connected to the Friends' bank account. Right now we are awaiting a \$191 check from the eBay auctions from Paypal, which does not include October's auction.

Amy has reminded staff about the online auction and showed them how to search by seller on eBay to find Friends' items.

Book Shop

We did ship 2 pallets to Thriftbooks with the help of a couple teen volunteers.

Jess downloaded a book seller app to prescreen books for resale value.

The Friends will have the foyer tables the week of November 15.

Donations

What are we going to do with the large CD donation we just got? It was suggested maybe we could investigate a resale site to sell them on. Darlene suggested clearing off a shelf of paperbacks in the Book Shop and devoting that shelf to CDs.

Amy asked if the Friends want the library to publicize we're not currently taking donations, in light of some of the large donations we've been getting. We decided to keep a pallet back by Roy and load it up with books for Thriftbook shipments. Amy also told the Friends she's weeding one cart of non-fiction a

week and Children's is weeding as well. Those will go to Thriftbooks as well. Jess found using the scanner to pre-check increased the number of rejected books.

The Halloween donation of children's books was much appreciated.

Marlyn's daughter would like a children's books for pre-K through High School for her school outside Indianapolis. She will pick them up around the holidays.

Holiday Items and Pointsettias

We have 6 baskets of holiday books, CDs, DVDs., etc. We will put them out with the foyer sales the week of November 15 and/or maybe clear a shelf for them in the book shop.

Jess would like to put together bags of 24 children's books as a holiday Advent calendar for sale there, and maybe at the Kringle Holiday Village. Becky said the Chamber might not allow that.

There was some discussion about whether to pre-sell pointsettias this year and have them picked up on a particular day. Selling them in the foyer last year didn't result in many sales. Jess will work with Antioch Floral Shop on this.

Becky mentioned we might be able to have a table with books for sale and a money box at Little Bean Café or The Latte Café.

Library Referendum

The library is still waiting for mail in/absentee ballots to be counted. Currently the No's outnumber the Yes's by about 250 votes out of 10,000. (It's down to 5 vote as of November 12) We expect to know the final by November 17 at the latest.

Publicity Info

Becky is going to be creating something on the Friends window to increase visibility of the Book Shop. She also plans to differentiate Friend signage from library signage with logos.