

**Antioch Library Friends
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 2020**

In attendance: Amy Blue, Jessica Wisdom, Darlene Clauson, Carolyn Hounsell, Laura Fowler, Marilyn Cotteleer, Melonnie Hartl, Mary Lous Balazs, Raven Farias, Sari Brindel

Financials

The book sale this past weekend made \$680. In September, the Book Shop made \$364, this is compared to \$836 which was made in September 2019.

Jess reminded us that the Book Shop made around \$1,000 in February, which was due in part to the coffee table books in the foyer, and was, of course, pre-pandemic.

At the end of August, the bank balance was \$9368.

The virtual 5K made \$181, but \$80 were spent on supplies such as medals, so it netted about \$100.

Book Sale Recap

As noted above, the bagged book sale made \$680. It was decided this was a respectable amount, for relatively little work. There were several customers who donated above and beyond their purchase as well. Next time, it would be good to have more outside signage.

There was some discussion of what to do with the remaining bagged books. Because they are still selling (they made \$47 on Monday and Tuesday of this week), we will keep them in the shop. People think they are getting a deal and we are making space for more books.

Marilyn asked if they could have a week of foyer sales—Amy is checking with Becky and Jennifer about that.

Auction

The puzzles on eBay didn't sell in September. Jessica put up a new auction today; 2 Harley Davidson t-shirt with a starting bid of \$24.99 The last lot that sold on eBay made \$48 (because \$2 was the Paypal fee) and took 30 days to go through because we were a first time seller. Shipping options have been expanded from local pickup only to local pickup and buyer paid shipping.

Book Shop

Darlene is looking for someone to take 10 boxes of books that are currently on the landing to Half Price Books in Vernon Hills. They are requesting that those dropping off books make an appointment before dropping off. Martha might be able to; she was the backup for them.

Just a reminder that we have found current library items in the Friends room. Please be looking for items with a library barcode that do NOT have the black line and X or W through the spine and front. If you find one that is not marked, please bring it to circulation. They could also be with the items in the stairwell.

Ruby suggested bagging things we have in the room and selling them as batches for \$5 in the future as well.

We are trying to leave the bottom shelves empty for easier browsing wherever possible. This is not possible on the wooden shelves.

There is always a balance with the room of between looking neat and being fully stocked.

There was a pile of shredded paper in the book shop that Roy thought might have been from a mouse. But it was from Darlene. Traps have been removed.

The labels that were put up for Romance, Mystery, etc. are missing.

How to Sell More Books

Jess suggested scanning the books to look for higher value titles and then sell them online. It would be a good job for a teen volunteer to scan books and for a tech savvy volunteer to then prepare them for online sale.

She also suggested selling "advent calendar" packs of 24 children's books at the Chamber's Kringle village.

There is a bookseller with a scanner who wanted to see the items in our staircase inventory. There was some discussion, but it was decided to let her.

Donations

There have been several requests from people with large donations (30+ boxes, for example). Amy has been telling them we can take a box or two but no more than that.

Referendum

Jess will be putting information about the library's referendum on the Friends' Facebook page and has distributed it to Friends' members for them to share as well.

Children's Advocacy Center

Sent a thank you for the books we have donated to them.

Volunteer who Cuts up Hardcover

There was a question about a teen volunteer who has been taking home hardcovers not in sellable condition to cut up and recycle. The concern was about the items not being sanitized. Amy suggested if after the items are sorted and determined to be discards, they put them in a box under the table in the Eide room with the date they were sorted and the volunteers name. Then, after a week or so we'll know the virus has died. Marilyn will let the volunteer know.