

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Via Zoom

In attendance: Jessica Wisdom, Amy Blue, Marilyn Cotteleer, Rick McCarthy, Mary Lou Blazs, Laura Fowler, Carolyn Hounsell, Melonnie Hartl

Renovation and Expansion of the Library

Rick McCarthy from StudioGC, the library's architect, spoke about the proposed renovation and expansion of the library and the upcoming referendum. He showed artist's renditions and explained what the library would be gaining from the project. The library is forming a committee to get the word out about the upcoming referendum. Any Friends members who are so inclined are encouraged to join this committee as they are already strong supporters of the library.

Financials

From March-July the Book Shop made \$739. In August it made \$338 (compared to \$592 in August 2019). Year to date 2020: \$2731. YTD2019: \$8988. This is a result of the pandemic; prior to March we were on track to have a record setting high in the book shop.

The account balance at the end of July was \$8394.

Thriftbooks

During the quarantine, Thriftbooks issued us several checks that have since expired. They will reissue them direct deposit and direct deposit all future funds as well.

Printer Cartridge Recycling

Jess got a check for printer cartridge recycling for \$57.

Auction

The unicorn print sold on eBay for \$50. Because it was the Friends' first sale on eBay, they hold the check for 30 days. Another auction is up right now; Jess has made that one either local pickup or shipping, and will charge the buyer the shipping.

Book Shop

All children's softcovers are currently going in the white bins. There won't be many changes to the shop, as the energy is mostly going to the book sale.

Book Sale

Martha, Laura, Marilyn and Darlene met to talk about the upcoming book sale. Darlene would like to try to refresh the stock by getting rid of all the books with dots on them. We might use the extra coin box that is in the stairwell as a secondary cash collection point, but no change will be given. There was some discussion of how to secure that box other than staffing it. No decision was reached.

The book sale will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 25 & 26 and the newsletter says 1-5. It can be longer, we'll just publicize it that way in social media and on the sign. Otherwise, we can have the books bagged and in the room and just have part of it be unstaffed. Jess bought large plastic bags with handles in which to bag the books.

Jess will be sending out a volunteer sign up sheet. Mel will be coming by at the end of the day those two days to pick up the cash.

Volunteers

Jess put out a notice on Facebook to teens and moms to get involved with the Friends. Teens might be looking for service hours and human interaction in these days.