

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 3 via Zoom

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

Financial Report

Bookstore sales for November were \$799.75. This almost as high as pre-pandemic and with the library having reduced hours. The foyer sales and pre-packaged bags for the book sale helped. There are also 3 very regular customers who are booksellers and crafters who are helping those numbers. The bank balance as of November 30 was \$11,631.

Melonnie will be going to Florida and Amy will be doing the deposits the next few months.

Jess accidentally used the Friends debit card for about \$200 worth of personal purchases; she will reimburse asap.

Thriftbooks

Jess wanted to remind everyone of how Thriftbooks works: The Friends get 50% of the profits of books sold, which is after freight is deducted. So, for example, in October our gross sales were \$310, but that is still paying off the freight of that shipment. We will start to see profits probably in December. There was a large donation of textbooks that is making money from that last shipment.

Also, Melonnie is still working with Thriftbooks to get direct deposit set up.

Auctions

Jess set up a Q/R code so users can scan the code and get right to the Friends eBay page. It is difficult on eBay to search by seller and this streamlines the process.

The Instant Pot we recently sold arrived damaged in the mail, so that \$45 will be refunded.

In the next newsletter, we will put in a call for auction items to sell, hoping for unloved Christmas presents.

There is quite a bit of stuff in the stairwell that is designated for auctions, but has not been sold and has been sitting around a while. Jess will go through it and mark which stuff to keep and then Marilyn and Darlene will discard it.

Printer Cartridges

The box in the Book Shop is almost full. Jess has recruited a teen volunteer to go through the cartridges and sort which ones Evolve will take. They do not take toner cartridges, just ink. Amy also let everyone know that the ones that we can't recycle with Evolve, we can recycle through the library. Just give them to her and she'll put them where they go.

Other Donations

Darlene found a home for the huge CD donation; it didn't generate money but it did generate goodwill.

There was concern about the condition of some of the books being discarded by the library and donated to Friends. Friends can always reject any donations! Especially those of library discards. Amy will remind tech

services though not to even give Friends the damaged items. Amy sent out an email to staff reminding them not to accept smelly donations. Marilyn suggested reminding them that if they do accept smelly donations, don't bother quarantining them, just throw them out directly; that way they won't smell up the other donations.

When a box has been packed for Thriftbooks, you can ask one of the Maintenance workers to move it up to the pallet in receiving.

Eileen suggested donating some of the coffee table books to nursing homes, etc.

Other Fundraiser Updates

Jess didn't hear back from the flower shop, so the pointsettia fundraiser won't be happening this year. Becky had suggested a rack of books for sale at Latte Café or Little Bean Coffee Company. Nothing has happened with this yet.

Marilyn's daughter-in-law did get a box of books originally intended for the Children's Advocacy Center. Children's Advocacy Center is not accepting donations right now. She donated \$50 for the box.

Referendum Update

The election results have been certified. The library won by 8 votes. Amy will keep the Friends updated as the project progresses.

Book of the Month Club

Jess shared an idea of a subscription box where users would pay an annual fee and get a "highly curated" used book a month, based on their interests. It would be an exclusive, limited subscription. Amy told them that the library has teen subscription boxes and they are really popular; we are starting an adult and children's one as well. So it is an idea that is popular and would have some interest.

Sled on the Door on the Book Shop

A regular shopper offered to pay \$5 for the holiday sled decoration that is currently up on the Book Shop door. The consensus was that seemed a little low. [After the meeting it was discovered that It was donated by Eileen who said \$20 was fair, so it will be sold to him for \$20.]

Holiday Stuff

Jess reminded everyone that usually in December we are enjoying our Holiday luncheon. Alas, not this year. We would like to still remember the maintenance staff for all they've done for us over the year. Jess suggested getting them each a \$50 Antioch Chamber of Commerce gift certificate. All voted aye.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 10 a.m. Zoom information to follow.