

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 7, 2021

In attendance: Ruby Hall, Marilyn Cotteleer, Raven Farias, Laura Fowler, Mary Lou Balazs, Darlene Clauson, Amy Blue, Jessica Wisdom

Financials

In September, the Book Shop made \$597.

We got a payment from Thriftbooks for \$44.

Expenses for September were \$54.03 for boxes and \$6.36 for eBay fees.

The bank balance at the end of September was \$19,373.

Book Sale Recap

The book sale made \$2329. On Friday it made \$945, on Saturday, \$865 and Sunday \$520.

There was a good turnout for the sale on the veranda and it helped that the weather was nice.

We do plan on having the Christmas luncheon this year. This will be discussed in November.

Thriftbooks

Jess had a conversation with our representative from Thriftbooks recently where she learned that they want us to have a "sell through" rate of 20%. We are at around 11%. We never realized this was a condition of partnering with them. Jess has a meeting with Better World Books next week to see what their service offers. One reason our sell through rate is low is we have been sending them music CDs, but they only accept audiobook CDs. The representative offered to continue partnering with us if we would accept 35% of profits instead of 50% to adjust for the low sell through rate. Otherwise, they want us to prescreen all the books and only send approved ones.

Remodel Update

Amy gave an update about the upcoming remodel. The library will need the Friends stairwell, both levels, cleared out sometime around January. We will share a closer approximation of a date when we have one. Amy is checking to make sure we can store a box or two of the Friends stuff for the duration

of the remodel. The book shop will need to be cleared out sometime in the spring, but we don't know more than that yet. For the phase of the remodel when the whole library is in the west half of the building, we will not be taking donations. When the remodeled half reopens, the Friends will have some selling space, but the storage space will not be open yet.

Perhaps during this time, we will focus on online auctions.

Clearing out Stairwell

In an effort to clear out the stairwell, we will be pricing everything at \$.25 going forward. Amy has asked Becky to make up some large banners announcing this. They should be up sometime the week of October 18. Perhaps as the clear out dates get closer we will do bag sales as well.

Roy has a friend who has been taking boxes of books, etc. every week as well.

Foyer Sales

The next week of foyer sales is November 1-November 7.

Online Auctions

Jess let us know that the Africana encyclopedia and the Grove Encyclopedia of Art each sold for around \$200. The Animal Life encyclopedia did not sell so Amy will toss it.

Darlene said she has a collection of brass button teddy bears that could be auctioned off. She will bring them in.

A Sad Announcement

Jess will be stepping down as president in March, as they are planning to relocate to Wisconsin. She will be sorely missed!

Italian Books in the Stairwell

There is an 1865 Italian edition of the Divine Comedy in the north stairwell. Kat wants to buy it, but we're not sure how to price it. Marilyn will have Kat call Jess and they will negotiate a price. The problem is there aren't many out there for sale so it's hard to know what it's worth.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 4 at 10 a.m.