

## **Antioch Library Friends**

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, November 4, 2021**

**In attendance: Jessica Wisdom, Darlene Clauson, Carolyn Hounsell, Marilyn Cotteleer, Mary Lou Balazs, Amy Blue, Shirley Waters**

### **Financial Report**

The Book Shop made \$373 in October; this might be low because all items are now priced at \$.25. The auctions made \$408 in October—this included the Encyclopedia of Africana and the Grove Dictionary of Art which were sold on eBay. The postage for the Grove was \$147 because it was 6 boxes, one of which weighted 52 lbs!

### **Auction**

The teakettle and mug sold for \$10. What do you meme also sold for \$10. This was in addition to the book sets mentioned above.

### **Stairwell Clear out**

The \$.25 is going on now and there are foyer tables out this week. It seems the foyer tables are making more impact than the quarter priced books. Amy will investigate having more foyer weeks in the months leading up to the remodel.

Jess gave away about a basket and a half of children's books on Halloween.

We will bag up 24 children's books and price them at \$5 for "advent calendars." We still have clear bags that can be used for this purpose.

Amy said that if the Friends have stuff in their stairwell like auction items or bigger, non-book stuff, that they want to get rid of, they can give it to Paula and she will include it in the library's next online auction.

Darlene reminded everyone that the Experimental Aviation Association in Osh Kosh will take books about airplanes. Amy told everyone that their board member, Paul Hettich, said he had military contacts who could take books for troops overseas as well.

### **Christmas Luncheon**

We will be having our traditional Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 2 at 12. There was some discussion of where to have it. Lake House was suggested; Jess will call them and reserve the private room for that time.

It was decided to give each of the maintenance staff a \$50 Antioch Chamber Gift Card gift cards as in years past. Jess will also do this.

## **ThriftBooks**

Jess investigated Better World Books, because currently we are only getting 35% of the proceeds from ThriftBooks rather than 50%, due to our low “pass through” rate. Better World Books has you pre-scan the titles before sending them in, but they do pay postage. Jess recommended we stay with ThriftBooks for now because we need to get rid of so much stock. We decided to do that.

## **Remodel Update**

Marc Rogers of CCS, the library’s owner’s representative for the upcoming remodel, gave an update of the phasing of the project. The first action is to have the stairwell cleared out by the beginning of March. Amy will talk to Roy about getting the shelves taken down in the stairwell when they’re empty.

The library can store some of the Friends things during the remodel. If the library does this, those things won’t be accessible for the duration of the remodel, however.

There is some question as to whether the Friends will be able to continue to use the stairwells to store books when the remodel is complete. They will have an approximately 20 X10 storeroom right inside the Williams Street staff entrance in which to store books. As the plan currently stands, this room will have 42 shelves in it. It will be up to the fire marshall whether books can be stored in the stairwell; typically combustible materials are not allowed to be stored in stairwells.

Marc will speak to the Friends at the January meeting; at this time, we hope to have a much firmer timeline in place.

No meeting in December, just the luncheon on Thursday, December 2 at 12. Location TBD. Jess will send out invites. Amy will talk to Roy about getting the shelves taken down in the stairwell when they’re empty.