

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 6, 2022

10 a.m.—via Zoom and in the Eide Room.

In attendance: Amy Blue, Marilyn Cotteleer, Carolyn Hounsell, Mary Lou Balazs, Becky Jacobson via Zoom: Jess Wisdom, Sari Brindel, Laura Fowler

Financials

Bookstore Revenue in 2021 was \$8207 (this is up \$3069 from 2020).

Auction Revenue in 2021 was \$1539.

ThriftBooks made \$494.90 in 2021.

We got a donation from Amazon smile for \$31.76.

Other Donations (for example, from companies that match donations) were \$165.

Memberships made \$820.

Total income in 2021 was \$13, 890.

There were 4 months whose revenue was less than 2020: January and February and October and November.

In addition to the months of April and May (when we were closed in 2020), the other big monthly increase was in July of 2021. July of 2021 the book store made \$1,110 and in July of 2020 it was \$739.

The total expenses in 2021 were \$5, 530, of which \$4,000 was a donation to the library's summer reading programs of \$4,000. Other expenses were boxes, ebay fees, banners, cards, Holiday luncheon, gifts for maintenance staff.

Auctions

Kat bought the Dante books for \$50.00

Letter from the State of Illinois

Marilyn mentioned there was a letter from the state in the mailbox. It contains our certificate for posting in the room that we pay sales tax.

Book Store

Darlene says "Hi!" from the Panama Canal. Nice for some....No bookstore report

Volunteers

There are 2 new members who are interested in volunteering, but not right away due to either the COVID surge or being snowbirds.

Jess mentioned maybe we would like to work with the High School's Library Advisory Board to get interest in volunteering among teenagers. Amy will mention it to Carol, our Teen Librarian.

Activities during Remodel

Jess and Amy both talked about concerns that while the book shop is closed and donations are suspended that the group will lose momentum, particularly in light of losing Jess as President. Amy thinks we should continue to meet monthly.

There will be community events to attend—Becky will keep everyone posted about that. Becky reminded everyone that we can sell books at Chamber events.

Sari suggested we have t-shirts made to identify the Friends. Carolyn said at Wilmette they had aprons with their logo on it. We will decide about this when some events are scheduled.

Christmas Updates

The maintenance staff was happy with the Antioch Chamber of Commerce gift cards. About half of the book “Advent Calendars” sold.

Stairwell Clearout

The top landing shelves are all removed.

The main thing in the stairwell now is kids DVDs and audiobooks, fiction and mystery.

Storage during Remodel

The library is going to be able to provide off site storage space during the remodel but things stored there will not be accessible until close to the summer of 2023. There will not be any storage space at the library during that time, because the whole staff and collection will be in the smaller side of the building. If Friends wants to store things for that time, they should store them at a member’s house. Marilyn offered her garage. Amy has room too. There was some discussion of what items to keep out for that time, for example, one of the 3X3 banners for off site outreach events.

Amy asked if the Friends are going to want to keep their display cases. There was some discussion, but no decision was made. Becky mentioned if/when they do get rid of one, to offer it to the business community if it doesn’t sell on auction. The library’s display case did not sell on auction. Amy needs to know now to include it in the current auction, but there will be others if this deadline is missed.

Communication During Closure

In the upcoming newsletter, we will put in a paragraph reminding people about the \$.25 sale. We will also tell them that although we are going to close, we are coming back. Throughout the closure, we will use the Friends’, and Becky will use the library’s, social media to remind people we are still out there. The Little Free Library will also have a place for brochures, etc.

Next Meeting is **Thursday, February 3 at 10 a.m.**, both in person and via Zoom. I’ll send out a link as we get closer.