

## **Antioch Library Friends**

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, April 7, 2022**

**In attendance: Marilyn Cotteleer, Eileen Goodman, Mary Lou Balasz, Ruby Hall, Carolyn Hounsell, Laura Fowler, Martha Rendak, Melonnie Hartl, Amy Blue, Pam Wells, Shirley Waters**

### **Financials**

There were a couple of strange charges on the account that were probably Jess using the debit card by mistake. She will correct it by the end of today. The beginning balance in March was \$21,904. We paid sales tax of \$569 which included a \$70 late penalty. Mel is asking the department of revenue to waive the late penalty. We also renewed our Chamber of Commerce membership.

We got a donation from Amazon Smile for \$70.58. The Book Shop made \$202.60. We got a \$175 donation from Johnson Controls, which is Jess' employer. So we made \$377.60. The ending balance in March was \$22,406.38.

Martha asked if it was normal for us to have such a high balance. We said no, because the library hasn't been asking for much due to the remodel. Our balance is usually around \$10,000.

Amy presented a bill for \$57.24 for engraving the leaves for Dolores and Jess.

### **Auction**

Raven is working on updating the online auction.

### **May Bag Sale**

We will probably need to have a bag sale in May to fully deplete the stock in the room. It will be a staffed sale over a weekend. We will determine the date at the May meeting. There is one more foyer sale before then which will happen next week.

### **Large Carts**

Friends will keep 2 of the large carts and the library will dispose of the rest of them.

### **Friends Storage Area in Remodel**

Amy will confirm that the new Friends storage area has shelving all around.

### **Little Free Library**

The library is going to be installing a Little Free Library between Casa Ruiz and the Hobby Shop in honor of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This is approximately the location of the first Antioch Library. Rachel is heading up this project and will do the initial stocking. The Friends may be asked to take over the stocking later. Carolyn suggested Rachel call her because she has books she can donate. The LFL will not accommodate full size hardcovers; they don't fit between its shelves.

### **New Book Resale Place**

Carolyn shared that there is a new place in Gurnee Mills that will buy your books: 2<sup>nd</sup> and Charles. She said they gave pretty good hardcover prices too—almost a dollar a book, and more if you took the money in store credit.

### **Continuing to stock the Township Office and Train Station**

We will try to continue to stock the township office and train station paperback racks. Someone suggested we pass out Library Friends business cards at garage sales, so those who have leftover paperbacks after their sales know they can donate those, even though we are not, in general, accepting donations now. Carolyn said she can get books from Wilmette too.

### **Fundraising Committee**

Amy gave an update on the Fundraising Committee that is newly formed. This committee is to update our giving information in general, as well as raise funds for projects that were not included in the building project. The committee has had 2 meetings so far and is comprised of 2 Library Board members, 2 staff members, 2 members and of the women's club, and we would like 2 Friends representatives. We would like the Friends' representation both because they are our regular fundraising organization, and because they will be helpful to "pass" the funds through as we raise it, rather than the library's coffers or our non-functional foundation. Mel & Laura said they would participate. The next meeting is Monday, May 2 at 5 p.m. in the Board Room.

### **Library Request**

The Library requested \$1,000 for our 2022 teen summer reading program. It is less than past years because we are going to scale back our program some in light of our cramped quarters this summer. Mel will give a check within the next day or two.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 5 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room.