

Antioch Library Friends Meeting

Thursday, March 3, 2022

At Lovin Oven!

In attendance: Eileen Goodman, Carolyn Hounsell, Marilyn Cottleer, Laura Fowler, Jessica Wisdom, Amy Blue, Raven Farias, Darlene Clauson, Mary Lou Balazs

Financials

The beginning balance in February was \$21, 817. We made \$359 in the Book Shop. Jess' company gave \$256 in matching funds. Expenses were \$50 for our annual chamber dues. The ending balance was \$22, 406.

Book Shop

All expressed surprise that the Book Shop is still generating that much, considering it's starting to look empty and everything is only \$.25! Amy mentioned there were 3 \$20's in her last deposit, so people are giving extra. Amy will keep everyone posted as to when the book shop needs to be completely cleared out. All stock from the stairwell is now in the shop. Amy asked again which of the display cases we were keeping and which we were getting rid of; we are keeping the smaller glass one, and getting rid of the larger one in the hall. Amy will let them know for an upcoming auction.

Auction

Raven will be taking over the online auction! Jess has some Christmas village buildings, as well as some stamp books for an upcoming one. She has met with Raven and showed her how to do it.

Raven suggested we start asking businesses for donations again as we have done in the past. Amy mentioned that there has been friction in the past when the library and the Friends hit up the same business too close together. This shouldn't happen now, though, as the library hasn't asked businesses for donations in a while. This will support local business and keep visibility of the Friends up in the community.

Amy will put a blurb in the next newsletter about businesses donating to the Friends' auction.

Volunteers

The library has completed the RFID project! Thanks for all the help!

We are going to continue to recruit active volunteers, even though some of our activities are paused right now. Raven mentioned we could use help with marketing, Facebook and the online auction. Marilyn has some volunteers to check in with who expressed interest but haven't been able to volunteer yet. At the very least they can come to the meetings and find out what we're all about. Amy asked Marilyn to draft a blurb encouraging volunteering with the Friends for our next newsletter, which is due April 15. It was reiterated that the auction is a position of trust as it handles money and passwords, so may be not a good idea for a brand new member.

This is the “off year” for memberships. We did our mailing last year and memberships are good for 2 years. Amy will update the card for the occasional new member this year, but we won't be doing a mailing.

Virtual 5K

Jess shared the information for the Virtual 5K she ran last Fall, it wasn't much work and it raised \$200. We still have the medals from it.

Little Free Library

There were questions about the Little Free Library, for example, who will be stocking it? The inaugural event for the LFL is Friday, May 13 at noon in the alley by Casa Ruiz. The library plans to stock it, using books from the Friends room.

Updates for Jess' Departure

We are so sad to see Jess go, but are excited for all the positive things going on in her life! She has passed on the passwords for Thriftbooks, Facebook, eBay and Gmail to Laura & Marilyn. Before she leaves town she will be sure to get Marilyn & Laura on the bank account and get them debit cards.

We noted that 3 people are replacing her!

Foyer Tables

The Foyer Tables will be up the weeks of March 21-28, April 11-17 and May 9-15. If needed, a staffed bag sale will take place the Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of that week in May. We'll see how the stock is.

Remodel

Amy will keep everyone updated as to when, exactly, the Book Shop needs to be cleared out.

A woman commented that the books at the train station were always well stocked and organized. It's nice to be recognized. We will continue to stock those as best we can while we're on reduced space.

Darlene requested the library send pics of the Friends from the Groundbreaking on Tuesday.

Next meeting will be on **Thursday, April 7 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room at the Library**. May will probably be at the library too.