

Antioch Library Friends

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 2022

In attendance: Marilyn Cotteleer, Carolyn Hounsell, Ruby Hall, Laura Fowler, Darlene Clauson, Pam Wells, Shirley Waters, Amy Blue, Sari Brindel

Financials

The opening balance in April was \$21,904.47. There was \$159 made in the book shop, \$59 made through Thriftbooks. For expenses, \$1,000 was given to the library for summer reading programs, \$70.24 was paid in sales tax, \$57.24 for the leaf engraving. Ending balance was \$21,904.47.

Jess paid back the money she had accidentally charged to the Friends account.

Foyer Sales & Bag Sale

Foyer sales will take place next week starting Monday.

Then, next weekend there will be a staffed book (bag) sale in the foyer. A sign up sheet was passed around to staff that sale. It was decided to sell audiobooks on CD for \$1.00 a title.

Boxing up Book Shop

On Monday, May 16 at 10 a.m. all the Friends who are able will gather to box up what remains in the Book Shop. Hopefully there will not be much. Roy's friend will take some, Marilyn has some contacts who will take some and some can go to Paul Hettich, our board member, who has some places that take them.

Carolyn has had good luck selling to a new used book retailer in Gurnee, 2nd and Charles; they give around \$1 a book for good condition hardcover mysteries and thrillers.

Little Free Library

The Little Free Library dedication will take place on Friday, May 13 at 11:30 by Casa Ruiz, 934 Main St. Antioch. Immediately following, there will be a steel beam signing here at the library. All the Friends are specially invited. The library is stocking the LFL this first round, but we would love it if the Friends could take over stocking when we begin to see how the usage is.

Catholic Charities

Eileen wanted everyone to know that you can get a \$5 hot lunch at the senior center with Catholic Charities. Reservations are required in advance.

Coffee Area in Renovation

Amy presented information about the coffee serving area proposed in our upcoming renovation. It was something that was asked for quite a bit in our community survey prior to renovation plans. Because the Friends are losing some selling space, the library was wondering if they would want to take over selling coffee as a potential money maker and community service. They are, of course, under no obligation to do so. She presented what she knows about other area libraries and how they handle this. There were concerns about whether this would get enough use/make enough money to make it worthwhile. Ruby & Pam are going to call some local libraries that serve coffee and see how much effort and money it requires, how much it is used/appreciated and if any money can be made.

Friends items to go offsite

Amy suggested the Friends go through the things they have back in technical services to see if they want to pull what they'll want access to during the remodel. Otherwise, everything back there will be going offsite the week of June 6, not to be seen again until March 2023.

Funds on Hand

Marilyn had a question about whether the Friends should maintain a high balance, if that was in violation of their not for profit status. Amy looked into it and didn't see any rules about a fund balance cap.

Facebook Page

Jess can't get herself off the Facebook page, so she's added Laura so she can update.

Upcoming Meetings

There will be no meeting in June, but we will meet the first Thursday in July, July 7 at Lovin Oven at 10 a.m.