

**Antioch Library Friends
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 2, 2023
10 a.m.**

In attendance: Marilyn Cotteleer, Laura Fowler, Ann Dickson, Becky Jacobson, Carolyn Hounsell, Mary Lou Balazs, Raven Farias, Marilyn Hall, Shirley Waters, Sari Brindel, Amy Blue

Candidates' Night Update

There were 19 in attendance at the Candidate's Night. Thank you to the Friends for sponsoring! Carolyn & Marilyn Hall were there to host. This is the best attendance we've ever had at one of these. There are currently 4 spots open on the board and 4 candidates running—3 of which are printed on the ballot and one, Toni Leprich, is a write-in.

Financials

The current balance is \$12,651.54. This is after the Friends' donation of last month of \$7,100 for the SRP and the furnishings for the Schroeder room.

We got a donation of \$53.95 from Amazon Smile—the last one as the program is no longer. We had 1 \$10 membership which Amy Deposited.

Sale Area

Darlene, Shirley, Mary Lou and Sari will be the Sales Area committee. There is still some back and forth about what height the shelves are allowed to be. This has not yet been resolved, even though they will be constructed soon! Amy will keep everyone posted.

Carolyn has 10 boxes of discards from Wilmette—fiction, cookbooks, children's books, lots of mysteries and thrillers. She asked what other genres were popular—biography was one suggestion.

A question that was asked (but not answered?) was whether we wanted to accept DVD donations.

Amy will send out an email when the storage areas are ready to be stocked.

There was a question about whether the Friends will do a large book sale this year in the expanded Eide/Kakacek rooms. Sari asked about who does that and we said that usually a committee forms that takes on that work. Amy reminded all to book the room as soon as they know when it will be because if we wait too long it will be difficult to find 4 consecutive days when it is free.

Auction

Raven has the auction stuff and will show Sari who will be taking it over.

Raven mentioned that the area schools have pianos they are looking to dispose of—auction item? We agreed the logistics of selling a piano were too much for our organization.

The display case for the physical auction will be back by the end of the month.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee consists of Dee, Darlene, Shirley and Laura. Amy gave Dee the updated membership application cards, and the mailing labels. Dee gave Amy a copy of the most recent membership renewal request letter that she had. Amy will update it and print it out on Friends letterhead. We need more business side Friends envelopes printed; we are completely out. Amy will print out both the updated membership cards and the Thank You cards when they come back from storage.

Election of Officers

Mel retained her office of Treasurer for the next two years. Darlene retained her office of VP for the next two years. Marilyn C. was nominated for President but declined the nomination. Sari self-nominated for President and all voted aye. Congratulations, President Brindel!

The duties of President are: send out meeting reminders and make up the agenda for meetings, keep the history documents (Marilyn will bring in the two plastic tubs she has from Jessica), preview the minutes for Amy before they go out to everyone, be the library contact when there are questions between meetings.

Marilyn passed around the volunteer time sheets for all to complete. Thanks Marilyn! It's a good monthly reminder.

Grand Opening Event

The Grand Opening Event for VIPS will take place the evening of Friday, May 12, after hours. This event will be invitation only, but all the Friends will be invited. There will be a rededication of some of the spaces, a ribbon cutting, etc. Becky explained that there are two ways liquor can be served at this event. We are working with Antioch Fine Wines. One is that Antioch Fine Wines can work with a distributor to offer wine tastings at several stations. This will cost about \$1,000. Another is that Antioch Fine Wines can deliver a case of wine and Friends can sell it as a fundraiser. Becky doesn't have exact pricing on this. The Friends voted to give the library \$1,000 to hire distributors for wine tastings. Amy emailed Melonnie for a check.

Becky asked for help assembling baskets for??

The Volunteer luncheon will be on Thursday, April 20 at 12 in the Eide Room downstairs. Invitations will be going out shortly.