

## **Antioch Library Friends**

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**

**In attendance: Sari Brindel, Marilyn Hall, Shirley Waters, Marilyn Cotteleer, Bob Turner, Susan Moore, Darlene Clauson, Dee Drew, Laura Fowler, Anne Dickson, Carolyn Hounsell, Amy Blue, Raven Farias**

### **Storage**

After the meeting, a group banded together to bring books for storage for the upcoming sale to the empty premises that was the Dickens Village. Also, Paul Hettich on the board has offered space at the VFW hall and Sari will be working with him on finding out the specifics of this.

### **Foyer Book Sales**

The Library has given the ok for Friends to resume their foyer sales for one week a month. However, the Library would like them to set up under the TV in the foyer, rather than along the railing as previously. This will be less space. Sari recommended putting the coffee table books up in February for \$1 a piece. Amy will look at upcoming events to see both what weeks are good for foyer sales (big events at the library) and what are not good (foyer already booked for something). We will put up big signs that say "Big Sale Here!" and promote them.

### **Coffee Table Books**

There was some discussion about whether to continue to accept coffee table books. The ones we have do not sell well. It was decided not to accept them anymore. Amy will update handouts to reflect this as well as inform staff.

For the books we do have, we will try to sell them at this month's foyer sale. After that, if they fit, we'll put them in with their subjects, rather than a separate area. Otherwise, we will start discarding them.

### **Raffles**

Karen will no longer be doing the raffles at the April book sale. Raven will still be involved. Dee will wrap up the baskets and Pam will help when she's back. They will be meeting after the March meeting to work on this. Dee will get the supplies for wrapping. So far, they have Barbies, Carolyn has some artwork, a special edition of *Gone with the Wind*, and possibly a chocolate-themed basket. There will also be a Books to Movies basket, Americana and a Mayberry Themed one. We do have a request letter for businesses that we used for the Speakeasy event. Amy has made it "generic" and will send it out with the minutes.

### **Antioch Chamber 50/50 Raffle**

Sari is going to a Chamber meeting regarding a community wide 50/50 raffle. She will bring back information. The idea is that whatever organizations participate will sell raffle tickets, one winner will get half of the collection and the other half will be distributed to the organizations that participated. There is some feeling that we could sell tickets at our sale, if indeed the sales period goes that long.

Sari learned that the raffle will run for several months and tickets will be 5 for \$5.00. Organizations will have a chance to set up a table at various community events like the Thursday night concerts. Since the Village issued the permit we are limited to selling the tickets only in the 60002 zip code. The ticket purchasers can be from anywhere but the sale has to originate in Village limits. Organizations must commit to participating by February 29. Sari recommends that we sign up and since we don't have a meeting scheduled before then she would appreciate hearing from members about what concerns they have.

## **Publicity**

There was some discussion about who would do publicity for the group. Laura can no longer post on Facebook. Raven will investigate posting on Facebook. Sari has all the information for local papers to submit press releases.

Sari met with Sara to discuss signs for the foyer sales and flyers for the book sale. Sari will talk with Raven about the possibility of making our Facebook page more appealing. Sari was not able to add Laura back to our Facebook page but will contact Jessica Wisdom for help.

## **Thank you from Maintenance Staff**

Sari read a Thank You from maintenance staff for the Christmas gifts.

## **Financial Report**

Mel is in Florida; Amy did the February Deposit of \$436.00

The beginning balance was \$13, 865.50

Expenses in January were:

Sales Tax to IL Department of Revenue: \$245.00

Check to Mary Lou Balazs for labels for paperback: \$43.00

Check to Sari Brindel for Chamber Dues: \$50

Check to Antioch Public Library, \$1,000 for Children's Performer on March 27, \$4,000 for Summer Reading Programs: \$5,000 (not cashed yet)

Deposit for December: \$507.82

Ending Balance: \$14, 035.32 (does NOT take into account \$5,000 for Library)

## **Volunteers**

Pam and Mary Lou are currently out of town. Marilyn mentioned due to that we need help stocking the sales area on Tuesdays. This is a good opportunity for new people to get some experience. Please contact Marilyn if interested.

## **Used Book Shop**

There was some discussion about whether to have a separate area for Large Print, or to interfile it with its area. It was decided the separate area is more helpful. They will be featured at an upcoming foyer sale and then a designated area will be determined in the book shop.

The staff areas of the library will soon be locked for security reasons. Friends will get new badges that are programmed to unlock these areas, as well as the back door. Amy will get these to the Friends as soon as possible.

There was discussion about whether to accept weeded audiovisual items from the library for the upcoming sale. The library is currently weeding audiobooks, and will be doing more DVDs soon. Tech services currently has about 400 weeded DVDs that they are storing for Friends.

## **Membership**

No new members this month. There was discussion about having members approach people at an upcoming big library event to talk to them about joining. It was decided to wait until we are not in the middle of a membership cycle; next

year we will consider going back to one year memberships. We will also be more proactive in talking to library patrons about the benefits of membership.

### **Miscellaneous**

The Lake Villa Library Friends is now defunct. They didn't have members to stock their sales area.

Anne mentioned some libraries have an Adopt a Shelf program, where each Friends member is responsible for both stocking and weeding a certain area of sales. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 7 at 10 a.m.