

Antioch Library Friends
Active Member Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2024

In attendance: Sari Brindel, Raven Farias, Marilyn Cotteleer, Cathy Dressendorfer, Shirley Waters, Marilyn Hall, Pam Wells, Amy Blue, Laura Fowler, Susan Moore, Dee Drew, Anne Dickson, Carolyn Hounsell, Liz Winters, Darlene Clauson

Adopt a Shelf

Sari wondered if anyone would be interested in adopting a shelf to keep neat, in addition to sorting duties. She will make up the shelf assignments. Pam, Liz, Marilyn C., Anne, Bob and Susan expressed interest.

Foyer Sales

It was decided to skip the foyer sales in April and May. April will be right after we do the sale outside the Jim Gill program, and the first weekend in May the library will be holding Free Comic Book Day in the foyer.

Sari was looking for suggestions for “themes” for the foyer sales, as we don’t always want to have the same types of books featured.

We have discarded our coffee table books, as we’ve had them for years and they do not sell well. Amy updated the “what we take” form to reflect this.

Minutes

Would anyone like to be the secretary and relieve Amy of minutes taking duties? Sari would like someone to step up before the April meeting if possible.

Library Newsletter, the Latest Chapter

Sari thanked the library for the nice year end review of the Friends that was in the latest newsletter.

Publicity for Book Sale

Sari is going to meet with Sara this week about creating fliers and social media. Laura suggested we use the graphic for the Book Sale that was in the newsletter, adding information about the raffles.

A sign up sheet was passed around asking for volunteers to hang fliers around town. We will aim to get them hung sometime the first week in April. Dee will put the completed fliers and tape, along with the volunteers’ names who will distribute into the Friends mailbox sometime that week.

Raffles at Book Sale

Sari asked whether we should do a silent auction or a raffle—it was decided to do a raffle. Raffle tickets will be \$1 a piece. Two people will work the sale selling tickets, one to solicit business and one to run the cash box. Shirley would like to be the solicitor of business. Susan mentioned that at Lake Villa’s recent event they sold tickets for \$5 a piece or \$3 for \$10, but they only had one big basket. Carolyn brought in her items for the raffles today; Sari has the stuff Karen collected. Dee would like to get all the items by the first week in April and then she will assemble all the baskets.

Silent Book Club

The library is starting a Silent Book Club, at Friends’ suggestion. The first meeting is next Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30-8:30.

Financials

Financial

Beginning balance: \$14,035

Bookstore: \$388

Donation: \$82 thanks Jess!

Check #1475 to APLD cashed: \$5,000

Ending balance: \$9,471

Volunteers

Marilyn had nothing new on the volunteers.

Amy passed out invitations for the Annual Volunteer Luncheon to take place on Wednesday, April 24 at 12 in the Eide Room on the lower level. Please RSVP when you can.

Sari would like a crew to help move stuff to offsite storage from the room. She's contemplating dates. **Post meeting: the Chamber confirmed Tuesday, March 12 at 11 a.m. would work for them to be at the Dickens village.**

Jim Gill Program March 27

The Friends plan to sell books outside the Eide room by the Quiet Room before and after the performance. Amy is researching who will be the library's point person for that event.

Account Management

Amy would like to gather all the Friends' login information for business accounts, social media accounts, etc. in case there is a change of personnel with the Friends so we have it. If you know of a Friends account password, could you share it with Amy? She has a lot, but might not have them all.

Empty Display Case

Amy asked if we could take the empty case off the floor and store it in the adult workroom for now. The answer was yes.

Little Free Library

Amy asked if we are still checking on it and she was told Shirley checks on it and stocks it.

Library Requests for 2024

Amy passed around a Thank You note from the library for the recent \$5,000 donation for 2024 Summer Reading Program and the Jim Gill program. She reminded everyone of some of the other requests that are pending: Tonie Boxes (we are asking Rotary for a donation towards these, but we could use more as well), Another \$1,000 to a big children's program for the summer, \$2,000 for a sublimation printer and hat press for the Workshop. We will try to get that out of our next year's budget, but it may get cut.

Amy also said that the \$1,000 for a children's summer program is the most time sensitive as we are currently planning for summer. Pam moved to fund the \$1,000 for a large children's program this summer. Darlene seconded. All voted aye. Amy will reach out to Mel for the check.

Sari reminded all that the Christmas gifts and holiday luncheon usually run about \$1,000, as we're planning out the year.

Pricing for Book Sale

Sari asked about the pricing for the upcoming Book Sale. There are many DVDs, Recorded Books on CD to be priced 2 for \$1. Videogames will be \$1 each and all other pricing will be the same as the Book Shop.

POST MEETING:

Sari wrote in everyone's time in the volunteer book. Thank you, Dee, for bringing it to her attention.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 4 at 10 a.m.

