

## **Antioch Library Friends**

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**

**In Attendance: Sari Brindel, Marilyn Hall, Shirley Waters, Marilyn Cotteleer, Bob Turner, Darlene Clauson, Dee Drew, Cathy Dressendorfer, Susan Moore, Amy Blue, Raven Farias, Pam Wells, Mel Hartl, Mary Lou Balazs**

### **Adopt a Shelf Program**

Sari had emailed the assignments for the adopt a shelf program. This is not to replace regular sorting and shelving; rather it is a supplementary job for those who have assignments to keep the stocked shelves neat.

### **Volunteer Lunch**

Amy reminded all who haven't to RSVP for the Volunteer Lunch to take place on Wednesday, April 24 at 12 in the Eide Room on the lower level.

### **Book Sale**

Thank you to everyone who is working on getting the sale ready. Lots of publicity is happening. Sari hopes that right after the volunteer lunch, some people will be available to bring items that are stored offsite back to the Eide room and start setting up. Marilyn C. is in charge of setup for the sale. Mel has a truck and will help. Dee and Mel will be setting up tables. We will unpack as we set up, because we don't know exactly how many tables worth of each subject we have.

Please bring in plastic bags if you have any for the bag sale.

### **Book Sale Raffle**

Please save empty square tissue boxes for use for the tickets. We have some; need a couple more.

Dee will be making up the baskets with the items at Marilyn's house.

We need more raffle tickets. Mel will be ordering more. Amy will ask Jennifer about having alcohol in the baskets—we've done it for summer reading program but there were limits and I can't remember. We might do a "wine suggestive" basket instead-glasses, cheese, etc. but no actual wine.

### **Financial Report**

Our beginning balance for March was \$9472.31; the February deposit was made after the first (\$470.25) and April's deposit was \$502.79 plus one membership: \$20 for \$522.79. The library requested a donation of \$1,000 for the summer children's programs. The ending balance was \$9462.61. We also made \$20.20 at the Jim Gill program, \$10 of which was a donation.

### **Children's Program Sponsorship**

The library has booked Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles for Saturday, June 8 at 1 p.m. with the aforementioned Friends donation. We are also looking to book the Museum of Science and Industry's traveling science lab, but have not yet worked out a date.

The Jim Gill program was well attended! 150 people came, although, as above, they did not buy very many children's books. However, it did give the Friends some visibility.

## **Membership**

There was some question about having the information about deducting memberships on the Thank You letter. We do have some more extensive information on the Friends IRS status on the Donation letter we give out. We do want to avoid giving tax advice, however.

Mel shared how her library in Florida really promotes membership at all their events so they have a much larger membership base. We decided to have a Membership Table at the upcoming book sale. Amy will print out more cards with the corrected membership terms on them.

There was also some discussion about changing membership periods back to one year instead of two. It had been changed to two during Covid, but it's a little confusing now. Also there was some discussion of offering a perk of some sort—free book? Pam, Mel, Shirley and Sari will meet to discuss potential changes to our membership process. We will make a recommendation at an upcoming meeting.

## **Library Newsletter**

The newsletter for June, July and August is starting production. Amy asked for things the Friends wanted featured. Sari suggested a Thank You to all who supported the Spring Book Sale, whether by donating or by shopping.

She also mentioned the possibility of having a “meet and greet” in the spirit of Fireside Fridays, but on a Saturday in June, perhaps during a foyer sale, to talk about the Friends and what they do. If a date is decided soon, Amy will get it in the newsletter. [After the meeting, Sari decided on Saturday, June 1 to do a meet and greet about the Friends. Would anyone like to do this with Sari from 10:30-11:30 on Saturday, June 1?]

## **Summer Meetings**

There was some question about whether to have meetings in June, July and August. We will decide in May. It will depend largely on when the Fall Book Sale is.

## **Misc.**

Sari spoke to someone on the Bartlett Public Library Friends and said they had a really successful jigsaw puzzle sale with donated puzzles. We might look into that. Amy thought the Library had a swap scheduled, but she was mistaken! We did do one recently, however.

Amy will look at open dates for the Eide/Kakacek Rooms for a potential Fall Book Sale and bring them to May's meeting.

There was a question about whether we were going to do any pop up sales over the summer, for example, during Taste of Antioch. We didn't make much money last year, but the people who worked it enjoyed it. Nothing was decided.

There was some discussion about Friends hosting programs. Friends has done this in the past and charged and used it as a fundraising event. We have not done this in a while. Amy will ask Jennifer what she thinks about resuming it.

A person came from BSN Books and asked what the Friends planned to do with leftovers from the sale.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 2 at 10 a.m. Please let Sari know in advance if you plan to attend.**