

**Antioch Library Friends
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 2, 2024**

In attendance: Carolyn Hounsell, Marilyn Cotteleer, Anne Dickson, Mary Lou Balazs, Raven Farias, Melissa Sloat, Marilyn Hall, Shirley Waters, Melonnie Hartl, Sari Brindel, Dee Drew, Bob Turner, Pam Wells, Amy Blue

Hannah took a group picture of the Friends.

Melissa Sloat, a new active Friends member, introduced herself. She is a regular library user and a big reader and wants to give back to the community

Book Sale Recap

The book sale made \$1393 in sales, \$236 in the raffle baskets, and \$125 in memberships for a total of \$1754.

Dee did an excellent job with the raffle baskets and Shirley did a great job with memberships and raffle ticket sales. Sari asked Dee if she thought the baskets were worth the return and she said yes.

The consensus was that having just a couple of hours on Sunday for the bag sale was good.

Mel mentioned that her library in Florida also sells cookies and puzzles during their sales and make a lot of money.

We will do a puzzle sale and a cookie sale at the Fall Sale. Amy will try to get a plea for complete puzzle donations into the newsletter.

Financial Report

The beginning April bank balance was \$9,941.57 and the ending was \$12,727.67. Deposits included Book Shop sales of \$502.79 for March, \$487.81 for April, \$30 for memberships in March and April, Jim Gill sales of \$11.50. Expenses included \$1,000 donation to the library, Supplies for the Book Shop and Raffle of \$65.14, and the Book Sale proceeds mentioned above.

Volunteer Report

There were 11 new members who joined at the book sale interested in volunteering. Marilyn will be contacting them.

Book Sorting

A couple of reminders: Please alphabetize your area, if it is one we alphabetize and please don't put out books that are in poor condition.

Adopt a Shelf Update

Some volunteers are doing the Adopt A shelf sorting

Retention of Inventory—how long?

There was discussion of how long to let a book stay in the sales area, as well as how to track that. Amy shared that the library stamps the tops of the books with the month they were acquired. The Friends have also used a colored dot method in the past. Another question was what to do with discarded stock: Free bin? Book Sale? Foyer Sale at a discount? Recycle?

The consensus was to mark the tops of the books with the date starting in June. We will not be marking current stock, as we'll know if it doesn't have a date, it has been on the shelf longer than June. Then, every six months, we will cull what is six months old. So in November, we will cull the unmarked stock, in December, marked those marked June, etc. This will somewhat depend on the space on the shelves, however.

What to do with culled stock: We will try selling the nicer books for \$.25 at foyer sales, less nice books will go in the free bin. Some could go to certain causes that just need a bag or two of books, not a whole bunch.

Meet and Greet with New Members

Sari will invite the new members to a meet and greet on Saturday, June 1 at 10:30, during the foyer sales. This is also the date and time of our summer reading kickoff event. We will have out some information on what we've done for the library, as well as our mission statement.

Chamber Lunch

On May 15 at 11:30 Raymond Chevrolet is hosting the Chamber lunch, whose theme will be networking. The cost is \$20 if anyone wants to go. The Friends are Chamber members.

Upcoming Book Sales

There was some discussion of having a summer book sale, but it was decided not to. We only made \$93 on the Taste of Summer Sale in 2023 and it might be too late now anyway to sign up.

Amy gave dates in the Fall where the whole large meeting room was available, and it was decided to do October 4, 5 & 6 as sale dates, with the 3rd reserved for setup and the 7th for take down. She has reserved those dates.

Library Request

Amy requested that the Friends co-sponsor our Photography Contest and new Library Card design contests. We are partnering with the Fine Arts Foundation to judge the contests, and then the prize will be classes there. Amy is requesting \$150 which is half the value of the classes, and the Fine Arts Foundations is donating the rest. Carolyn moved to approve giving the Library \$150 to give to the FAF for the prizes, and Sari seconded. The motion passed and Mel gave us a check for \$150.

Misc.

Sari thought maybe a seasonal fundraiser might be offering gift wrapping for a charge around the holidays. Think about that for the future.

Offsite storage is now available at the Chamber office.

Mel wants to redo the membership cards in the coming year.

Marketing and Communications has a form now for requesting things. It will be send out with the email.

Sari has requested for Marketing and Communications to make up a new sign with our prices that is larger and easier to read.

The Children's Department has booked the Museum of Science and Industry Super Sonic Showcase Event on Thursday, July 18 from 10-12 with the Friends donation.

They also have booked Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles for 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 8 with the Friends generous donation.

Our next meeting with be Thursday, August 1 at 10 a.m.