

## **Antioch Library Friends Executive Committee Minutes**

**Thursday, January 12, 2012**

**10:00 a.m.**

**In attendance: Darlene Clauson, Joyce Kiyohara, Beth Piper, Pat Usterbowski, Sylvia Brown, Sandy White, Amy Blue, Kathy LaBuda, Dee Drew**

### **Recap of Holiday Activities**

Marilee LaMattina from One Hope United thanked the Friends for their donation of books to their students and the school's library. She also spoke about the mission and activities of One Hope United.

The Friends donated books to three organizations this holiday season: Waukegan Township, One Hope United and Allendale. To Waukegan Township they gave nice used books to be included in Christmas packages for poor families. To One Hope United they gave both individual books and series books to add to their beginning school library. To Allendale they gave series books for classrooms to 23 classes and 16 individual titles for lower grades. In all, \$970.90 was spent on the donations.

Marilee mentioned that she might be added to the list of local school librarians who receive certificates to the annual book sale. Her contact information is P.O. Box 1128, 215 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Lake Villa, IL 60046  
[mlamattina@onehopeunited.org](mailto:mlamattina@onehopeunited.org)

The Friends would like to continue these programs next year and also consider how to include Open Arms.

### **Approval of November Minutes**

Joyce moved to approve November minutes, Darlene seconded all voted aye.

### **Financial Report**

The bookshop made \$8718.58 in 2011. The Friends gave \$8379 to the library in 2011 and there is \$13,277.53 still in checking. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter state sales tax has not yet been paid, but otherwise all bills are current.

State Bank of the Lakes is working out fine and now that all the checks are cleared, the Chase account will be closed.

It was noted that bookshop sales went down quite a bit from 2009. There was some discussion as to why this might be since the volume of inventory has increased and it was decided that it was probably due to the economy.

### **Used Book Shop Report**

Amy reminded Mark about moving the shelving cabinet into the Friends' stairwell and the locked cabinet into the other stairwell.

Darlene reminded all the bookshop sorters that paperbacks often have their genre written on the spine which makes for easier sorting.

The Friends are in need of donations of children's books and non-romance paperbacks.

### **Silent Auction Report**

\$1778 was made in 2011 on the silent auctions. Pat went over some of the items which seem to go over the best: Viking registration, kids series books (Magic Tree House, Junie B. Jones, etc.), World War II and the quilt.

Viking football will again be donating a free registration for auction according to Beth.

There is a donation of hard bound copies of auto quarterly to be featured in February's auction.

### **Library Requests**

Kathy LaBuda, Library Director, presented her need for help paying for the audiovisual system to be installed in several areas of the library, including the Eide Room, the Board room and the computer lab. The whole system will cost \$41,000, of which she has \$23,000 from the state. She thinks she can eke out some money from the library's budget, but would like the Friends to contribute \$10,000 towards it.

Joyce mentioned that the library website is hard to use and inquired what it would take to remedy that. She cited specifically adding pulldown menus at the top and making the events calendar easier to access by taking away the sliding options for adults, teens and children. She also mentioned the Friends' page is out of date and there are many things

(for example the Playaway Views and the downloadable audiobooks) that are either hard to find or not on the website at all.

Kathy said she has a contract with a web designer to put the menu bar across the top and make some other changes. The changes just haven't been done yet.

Joyce mentioned she wanted the changes to be thought out and a survey taken so be sure that the redesign was in keeping with the needs of the community.

Sylvia moved to keep aside a certain amount of money (not specified) for web design in the future.

Kathy said that any amount of money the Friends would give would help further the audiovisual set up in the rooms and that she could do the project in pieces if need be.

Sandy moved to give the library \$5,000 for the audiovisual project; Pat seconded and all voted aye. A check was given in that amount to Kathy.

### **Chillin' on the Chain**

The Chamber of Commerce is again doing a public art project, like the Bears on the Chain and the Dogs on the Chain. This year it is Adirondack chairs and the fee is \$250 which is half of what it was last year. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

### **Better World Books**

Joyce presented that Better World Books has received 18 cartons of books from the Friends and the Friends have not received a check since 2010. She has sent a box of books to Book Prospector that according to their website should be worth \$103.75. Book Prospector pays in advance, unlike Better World. She is waiting to see if she gets the check before deciding to go with them from now on. Book Prospector also pays shipping.

Amy will have a volunteer scan the romance paperbacks, since Book Prospector will take hardcover, trade and paperbacks of all kinds as well as textbooks. It was discussed that the Friends would rather keep most of their stock to sell in the community rather than selling it all to Book Prospector.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 10 a.m.** Amy will send out a reminder the week before.

At this meeting will be discussed: VFW, Open Arms, Chillin on the Chain, Membership, and Spring Book Drive.

### **Adjournment**

Joyce moved to adjourn at 11:34, Pat seconded all voted aye.