

## **Friends of Ainsworth Public Library**

### **July 10, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Helen Duke at 6:06 p.m.

**Present:** Karen Bell, Tina Carminati, Laura Carter, Helen Duke, Sarah Lafayette, and Sarah Snow.

#### **Old Business:**

- Approving June meeting minutes
- Recap of Trustee Booksale and Friends of APL Bottle Drive

Tina made a motion, seconded by Laura, to approve June meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Tina presented numbers on Bottle Drive:

- \$744 total
- Tipped bottle sorters at Beverage Baron in Barre \$120
- Total remaining from Bottle Drive: \$624

Karen shares with the group that the current checking account balance is: **\$1,581.89** (which does not include the bottle drive money). Karen, Sheila, Tina, and Sarah L. will meet Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> to transition the Friends of APL checking account.

#### **New Business:**

- Outlining Fundraisers for the Friends of APL group for remainder of 2025

There was lots of discussion about various fundraising opportunities, some of which included partnering with the Trustees at their cribbage events in the winter months (Jan/Feb/March/April). A formal tea for the Spring was also discussed and hopefully planning for a coin drop in the summer of 2026. The group planned fundraisers for Aug-December 2025 as follows:

#### **August:**

- Laura suggested a tote-bag decorating contest that encourages folks to draw a design that shows what they love about the library. **A winner will be chosen on August 23<sup>rd</sup>** by the Friends of APL group. Laura and Sarah S. will take the lead on advertising and connecting this into the summer reading the library is currently running. Friends of APL will pay for winning tote bag design and will have tote bags available for sale at future events.

### **September:**

- Passive fundraising via local restaurant support. Tina and Sarah L. will reach out to Domino's Pizza and to Ladder 1 in Barre. Main idea behind the fundraiser is that a portion of sales or certain menu items will be donated to the Friends of the APL at the end of the month.

### **October:**

- Bottle Drive #2 **October 25**—there will be two stations set up: one will be in front of the library like the Bottle Drive in June and the second will be at the Trunk or Treat location (WMHS). Trunk or Treat is open from 1-3 pm and families must bring a bag of bottles to participate. The truck in front of the library will remain for a longer period of time. Will likely work with Beverage Baron in Barre again.

### **November:**

- Two events in November include **11/15** make and take event where folks will be making pumpkin centerpieces and **11/22-23** pie and pumpkin centerpiece sale at Pump and Pantry. Make and take event on 11/15 will be from 11-2pm at the library.

### **December:**

- Wreath making event held at the United Federated church on **December 13** at 1pm. Group was concerned there may be an interference with the foodbank but confirmed should not be an issue. The event will be capped at 20 participants. Sarah S. may know where we can get donated materials.

Sarah S. will update the library website with the Friends of APL calendar of events. Laura asked that the meeting minutes also be posted on the website moving forward, as an addition to maintaining the paper copies in the library.

### **Adjournment:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 7th, at 6:00 p.m. (the second Thursday of the month). Laura made a motion, seconded by Tina, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carter  
Secretary of Friends of APL