

Friends of Ainsworth Public Library
September 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Tina Carminati at 6:09 p.m.

Present: Tina Carminati, Laura Carter, Helen Duke, Brad Kreis, Sarah Lafayette, and Sarah Snow.

Chair Report:

- Ordered bags from the August bag contest and also created cozies as an honorable mention; purchased from Poppa Daves Graphics in Irasburg, VT
- Cancelled September Fundraiser

Treasurer Report:

- Purchased gifts for bag contest competitors (everyone got a prize)—total \$76
- Bags from the bag contest: \$127.20
- Total left in the Friend's Account: \$2,130.90

Helen made a motion, seconded by Tina, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

- Approving August meeting minutes
- September Fundraiser(s)
- October Fundraiser(s)
- Areas of Support for the APL

Tina made a motion, seconded by Sarah L., to approve August meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Sept Fundraiser(s):

- Restaurant fundraiser cancelled
- Pampered Chef Fundraiser **will end on Sept. 30th**.
 - Helen suggested the group send a thank you card; Laura will connect with Tina and Sarah L for addresses and other information to send cards on behalf of the Friends

October Fundraiser(s):

- Bottle Drive #2 **October 25**—set up will be like the bottle drive set up in June (in front of the library). Tina is looking to connect with someone on getting a truck. Discussed that Brad and potentially Boy

Scouts (Jill is going to reach out to a connection with the Boy Scouts to see if they would be interested in getting involved to assist with the bottle drive) will move bottles to the basement and store them.

- Laura volunteered to hold an additional book shed sale at the beginning of the month, **October 4th, from 9-2pm.** Laura will work on coordinating with the library clerks to ensure that she has the keys she needs to put on the event.

Areas of Support for the APL:

In August, the group talked about the below:

- Red Clover and Golden Dome Books; previous Friend's group used to buy these books for the library, this is about 35 books total
- Christmas Tree (usually real);
 - Sarah L. will be able to get this from work and just needs to take it home.
- Thermal Window Covers to help with the cost of heat in Winter and to keep it cooler in the Summer; there are 16 windows total

Bigger ticket items include:

- Support funding for the Inter-library Loan (ILL) program; due to federal cuts and ILL being a mandatory service, this will eat up a lot of the libraries budget; cost ~\$2,000
- Asbestos issues in the basement of the building

Tina and Sarah L. suggest reaching out to Capstone for the windows. No further decisions were made on where the Friends want to put money for the library.

New Business:

- November pumpkin fundraiser
- Christmas Tree Winter Accessory Drive
- December Wreath-making Fundraiser

November Pumpkin Fundraiser:

Need to connect with Jill P. to get a better idea of what the cost of materials will be and who will be selling them at the Pump and Pantry. Tina wants a QR Code established for the library—Brad and Sarah S. will work on doing research to set one up.

Christmas Tree Winter Accessory Drive:

Tina really wants to push this fundraiser when it begins and do a lot of advertising.

December Wreath-making Fundraiser:

Tina and Sarah L are going to connect with Nicole Halleck about leading a wreath making course. Friends will pay for the materials; this will be a ticketed event due to limited space at the church.

Tabeling the barn quilt fundraiser idea and Coin-drop logistics until October meeting.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9th, at 6:00 p.m. (the second Thursday of the month). Laura made a motion, seconded by Sarah L, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carter
Secretary of Friends of APL