

Friends of Ainsworth Public Library
October 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Tina Carminati at 6:05 p.m.

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

Treasurer Report:

- Need to deposit money from the book sale that happened on 10/4 before having an updated amount in the account
- Total left in the Friend's Account: \$2,130.90

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

Old Business:

- Approving September meeting minutes
- September Fundraiser result
- Book Shed Sale
- Areas of Support for the APL

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

Sept Fundraiser(s):

- Pampered Chef Fundraiser **ended on Sept. 30th**.
 - Tina is going to find out how much the library made through that fundraiser and then send a thank you card on behalf of the friends.

October Fundraiser(s):

- Book shed sale was a great success. Pamphlets and direct donations to the library for Inter-Library Loan services raised \$90 directly to the library; 4 library bags sold with \$20 total directly to the library, and \$35 dollars was raised for the friends. Over 30 people attended and many folks were excited to hear this event would happen again in the Spring. Ahead of time, Laura organized the shed books by genre so it is a little more manageable, but more work will need to be done.

Areas of Support for the APL:

Helen called Capstone and was re-directed multiple times but will keep trying regarding trying to see if we could get assistance for the windows,

otherwise the group will be deciding on how to address that. Sarah S. explained that the months that are the most challenging are Jan-March. Sarah L. and Tina will brainstorm and work with Brad on getting a solution in place, potentially piloting with a few and then moving on from there (there are 16 windows in total).

New Business:

- Bottle Drive Update
- November pumpkin fundraiser
- Christmas Tree Winter Accessory Drive
- December Wreath-making Fundraiser
- Agenda for the rest of the year
- New Secretary

Bottle Drive:

- Bottle Drive #2 **October 25**—set up will be like the bottle drive set up in June (in front of the library). Tina was able to get Lucas' truck again. 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. Brad has a trailer and will also be connecting with Bobby McGlynn.

November Pumpkin Fundraiser:

Fundraiser is on November 15th —may not necessarily be a fundraiser anymore but do plan to sell the pumpkins at the Pump for late November (pie fundraiser). Helen is going to ask if folks will donate any pumpkins before Tina and Sarah L. purchase some from the Dollar Store. Deciding to do three sizes, will likely sell them for 4, 5, and 6 dollars apiece.

Christmas Tree Winter Accessory Drive:

Sarah L. has the tree; this will go up late November.

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. Capping the event at 20 people.

Winter/Spring Fundraiser Brainstorm:

- January: Friends will pay for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for the winter reading contest at the library. Discussion about the first place

prize being something unique like a subscription to Highlights magazine or something like this.

- February: blind date with a book (using books from the book shed) week of 2/8-2/13—Helen and Sarah L. will get wrapping materials. Also discussed a cookie sale or personalized valentines that would be delivered by Tina and Sarah L.
- March: Barn Quilt fundraiser—potentially at the Masonic Temple or church and will likely be ticketed event due to limited space. Also talked about doing some free book grabs from the book shed for maybe around St. Patrick's Day.
- April: Tina wants to bring back the easter egg hunt
- May: Pancake breakfast and book shed sale

New Secretary:

Laura is leaving the Friends as she will be joining the Board of Trustees, which means the group will need to find a new secretary or they cannot meet. The group also does not have any new members, and a membership drive was encouraged to help support the events that the group has planned. Tina and Sarah L. mentioned that the search for a secretary has been on-going for months and they have not had much luck.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13th, at 6:00 p.m. (the second Thursday of the month). Jill made a motion, seconded by Laura, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Carter
Former Secretary of Friends of APL