

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of September Meeting
September 7, 2022

Present: Janice Rosado, Sue Collins Dave Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Charles DiPompo, Don Jenkins, Lesleyann Foster, Margi Rossetti, Betsy Buckland, Sara Halton, Jen Ooi, Colleen McManus (virtual), Director Libby O'Neill, Senior Youth Services Librarian Jessica Henderson, Young Adult Librarian Jennifir Huston, Trustee Christine Igo Freeman

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order

Minutes of June 1, 2022: Sue Collins presented the Minutes.

Dave made a motion to accept the Minutes; seconded by Betsy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bernadette Thie

Income:

- Books Shops & selling books at the summer programs did well
- \$15,000 donated to Friends from Floyd Clark in memory of his wife Ann
- Southwick Zoo passes did well. Only expense to Friends was the shipping cost

Expenses:

- The Ann Clark donation will be transferred to Bartholomew in stages; \$5000 every 2 months
- Renewed Science Museum passes

Janice made a motion to accept the Report; seconded by Margi. Motion passed.

Report from Library Director: Libby O'Neill

- Introduced Jennifir Huston. She is reaching out to Counselors at Middle School & High School. Needs to get information and wants to start a Teen Advisory Board. Desires to give opportunities to teens. They can create their own magazines & share with others.
- Friends sponsored Succulent potting program that was very successful
- Eleanor Roosevelt rescheduled program was well attended even though rescheduled
- Library of Things will be starting soon. Have outside yard games, pickle ball sets, portable CD player, ukulele. Foxborough Commission on Disability wants to donate magnifying glasses with a light for patrons with low vision
- Working with Council on Aging to start kits for people with memory problems
- Upcoming adults programming includes: Beekeeping program, declutter program, Fall Craft night and Night of Horror authors

Report from Senior Youth Services Librarian: Jessica Henderson

- Bulk of Friends budget used for Summer Reading programs.
- Friends helped with Teddy Bear Picnic with free lollipops & selling books.
- Animal Adventures with Dad and Bruins Mascot Blades was very successful. Sara Halton volunteered.
- Many programs were held on the Common.
- The Police & Fire Department Story times at Payson Playground were very popular.

- Storytime with Deputy Sheriff Monaghan and K9 Eddie.
- Nature Exploration at Lane led by volunteer Kay Andberg
- To Bee or Not to Bee program about Beekeeping will be held September 15
- Trick or Treat at the library will be held at the library with small toys & stickers
- 277 youth ages 0-18 participated in the Beanstack online Summer Reading program
- Friends sponsored the Summer Reading prizes that were displayed in the Spinney Family Children's Room display cases. Children enjoyed these prizes.
- Wants to hire a juggler program. \$700 for 2 shows, during Winter vacation. Janice made a motion for \$700 for the juggler program, second by Betsy. Motion passed.

Trustee Report: Christine Igo Freeman

- Trustees Jen Ooi, Joyce Parlapiano & Christine Igo Freeman met with Libby to discuss the Speaker Series in March. Trustees meeting next week. Want to sponsor an author & have programs associated with a book

Membership: Sara Halton

- 6 new members, collected \$280
- Total for year to date: 185 members bringing in a total of \$7,530. Average of \$40.70

Newsletter: Jen Ooi

- Typically, Newsletter will go out at the end of October. Looking for articles by October 14
- Jennifer will write an article about herself and the programs she wants to sponsor for Young Adults
- Lesleyann will promote November 17-19 Book Sale

Audit: Colleen McManus

- Audited books for 2021. Bernadette keeps such good records that everything matched
- We all applauded Bernadette!

Book Shop: Margi Rossetti

- We have 38 boxes for Book Sale. Many came from the Ahern School from teachers that were retiring or cleaning classrooms. Ended up with 12 boxes for Book Sale. Have an abundance of children's books. Janice hoping that we can collect more adult books.
- Lesleyann wants a slide to promote patrons to donate their fiction & non-fiction books. Wants to send Email Blast to our Friends. Create a flyer & tape it to the donation box.
- Library is weeding out Audio Books & donating them to us. Trying to sell them at The Last Chapter. Will sell them at the Book Sale.
- Dedham House of Corrections is willing to accept a large amount of Christian music CDs

Book Sale: Lesleyann Foster

- She created flyers for the Book Sale. For Publicity, she will send info to Sara & Kathy Bell-Harney. Will also send a flyer to Kathy Lowey who is in charge of Bulletin Board. Betsy wants to help Lesleyann.
- Donation drop off scheduled for September 24 & October 22. Will contact volunteers.

Old Business:

1. **Founders Day** – Sue thanked Dave, Charles & Betsy for setting up canopy, tables & books! Betsy put together a beautiful bucket of books & goodies for a drawing to draw people to our booth. Libby registered people for library card & answered questions. We netted a total of \$138: \$57 Were donations for drawing or just kind patrons. Sold about 80 books & 6 blue tote bags! Temporary tattoos were a great draw!!
2. **Volunteer Appreciation – Janice**
 - 23 Thank Yous mailed to volunteers. Given punch card for any Friends purchase
3. **Ann Clark donation: Janice**
 - Dave got in touch with Bev Lord. Ann was a French teacher for many years. Bev will reach out to Floyd. We want to run a program or a series of programs in her name. Maybe a Travel Show & French/Spanish cooking. Libby would be happy to arrange the programming.
4. **Succession Planning: Janice**
 - Dave wants to step down. Bernadette wants to step down from Treasurer to Member at Large.
 - Colleen might be attending school or going full time.
 - To attract new Board Members: maybe have a table at Book Sale; send out Email Blast to all patrons. Jen Ooi will write an article for Newsletter

New Business:

1. **Canva:** 7-8 out of 10 spots filled. Need 2 more slots. Want to add Sara.
2. **Trustees meeting Representative:** Thinking of sending a representative to Trustees on a revolving basis. Lesleyann will create a Sign-up Genius to have Friends go to Trustee meeting. Scheduled: September – Charles; October-Janice; November-Betsy. Lesleyann will create a Sign-up Genius so other Board Members can sign up

Action Items:

1. **Lesleyann** will handle publicity for Book Sale
2. **Dave** should have ideas for Ann Clark donation at October meeting
3. **Jen Ooi** will compose an article for October Newsletter. Submit articles by October 14

Adjourn: Lesleyann made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Dave. Motion passed.

Next meeting: October 5, 2022

Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins