

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of November Meeting
November 2, 2022

Present: Janice Rosado, Dave Crimmins, Sue Collins, Bernadette Thie, Betsy Buckland, Sara Halton, Colleen McManus, Jen Ooi, Jen Linskey, Lesleyann Foster, Laurie Bubencik, Director Libby O'Neill, Young Adult Librarian Jennifir Huston, Trustee Kevin Penders

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order
Introduced everyone for Laurie Bubencik
Came to Library for Halloween festivities. Talked to patrons about the Friends

Approval of October 5, 2022 Minutes: Sue Collins presented the Minutes.
Dave made a motion to accept the Minutes; seconded by Bernadette. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bernadette Thie

Income:

- Book Shop was successful

Expenses:

- 4 Adult programs
- Supplies & books were purchased
- Bought flowers for Jessica

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

Report from Library Director: Libby O'Neill

- Excited that 4 applicants have been interviewed for Senior Children's Librarian, been narrowed down to 2. Hope to make an offer soon & that person will start 11/28 or 12/5
- Thanks for Friends support for programming
- Having workshop encouraging people to write a novel, Ghosts of Christmas Past, starting a spice library for cooking workshop, Craft Night, inviting author who writes historical fiction, Mindfulness Workshop & various craft workshops. Happy that Jennifir is talented with arts & crafts
- Sunday Concert series starting

Report from Young Adult Librarian: Jennifir Houston

- Busy creating programming
- Working with the YMCA for a yoga program to relax plus a Dance Fusion program
- Teen Advisory Board is off & running, changing time to Friday at 3
- Group is making blankets & hats for breast cancer
- Yeti Luminaries
- Remodeling the Young Adult room. Added a bookshelf: Book Shop on 1 side, the other side books
- Conducting floral design workshop
- Lesleyann would like to meet with her to get volunteers for the Book Sale
- Cookie decorating & magician for Winter Vacation

Trustee Report: Kevin Penders

- Trustees are happy with Libby & Jennifir with all that is happening
- School & sports might interfere with library programming
- Getting rid of overdue fees. Money goes to town's General Fund. After 60 days you are blocked from taking out more books
- Reviewing internet policies, streamlining with Libby's help
- Budget cycle starting so Trustees will be busy
- By-Laws changing to enforce Trustee participation
- For Spinney Speaker Series, a Somalian author, Abdi Nor Iftin, *Call Me American*, has been booked for 3/23/23. Want to bring other programming around his book as well

Membership: Sara Halton

- 1 new member bringing \$10
- Did buy an iPad & Credit Card Reader which expands the methods of payments for Book Sale
- Sara will work with Jennifir about including Young Adults into introductory membership benefits

Newsletter: Jen Ooi

- Newsletter went out on Saturday. Printed version was distributed around town
- Some activities were included that should have been deleted
- Should consult with Kathy Bell-Harney so we don't send out our NL at the same time the library sends out an Eblast
- We should have a link to the NL on our Friends website
- Next edition should go out around January 13 for our Annual Meeting information. Deadline for articles should be December 31, no later than January 4

Book Shop: Janice Rosado presented for Margi Rossetti

- Large DVD donation
- Put together Raffle Bag with a new Gift Card. Thanks to Ann Hermann for new design!
- A good number of books & media donations. If a serious overflow, can boxes go into Tutoring Room?

Book Sale: Lesleyann Foster

- Janice is thinking of having a Membership table by the Front Door to encourage memberships
- Margi & sorters are doing a good job. Had a great Book Drive
- At cleanup we should reserve some good quality books for the next sale
- Margi has also been bundling some children & adult books.
- Discussion about Spring Book Sale, decided on May 10 (setup), 11-13
- Betsy helped with printed materials, Jen will do publicity, Kathy Bell-Harney & Lesleyann will do their part for publicity
- Dave & Charles will set out lawn signs
- Adequate number of volunteers. Hopefully will get more young adults to volunteer
- Janice wants cookbooks to be \$1

Old Business:

- Dave agreed to be our Nominating Committee
- Signup for Trustee Meetings went out

New Business:

- 1 **Poinsettias** – Dave will get 6
- 2 **Budget** might be a little higher than previous years because of Young Adult addition
- 3 Dave made a motion for Libby to order up to \$150 **Zoom** subscription for Library & Friends use. Colleen made a second. Motion passed.
- 4 **Libby** will look into Owl, or **Jen & Sara** will look into a cheaper version for improved audio for Zoom
- 5 **Jen** talked about paying for a **Boost** for our Friends Page. Janice made a motion to give Jen for up to \$100 for Media budget. Second by Dave. Motion passed.

Action Items: Sue Collins

1. Deadline for **January Newsletter** articles will December 31 or as soon as they can

Adjourn: Sara made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Bernadette. Motion passed.

Next meeting: January 4, 2023

Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins