

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

Present: David Crimmins, Sue Collins Charles DiPompo, Jen Ooi, Lesleyann Foster, Betsy Buckland, Don Jenkins, Senior Youth Services Librarian Jessica Henderson

Virtually Present: Janice Rosado, Margi Rossetti, Sara Halton, Jen Linsky, Trustee Katherine Udden

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order. Announced that Elizabeth (Libby) O'Neill is our new Director starting March 28. Janice feels she is enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and very creative.

Minutes of February 2, 2022: Sue Collins presented the Minutes.

Lesleyann said to amend that the Better World Books will accept "books with normal wear"

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

Treasurer's Report: Dave presented **Bernadette's Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2022:**

- Income:
 - 4 weeks of sales
 - memberships still coming in
 - \$100 company match donation
- Expenses:
 - paid for 2 music programs that are happening in March
 - paid for 3 February vacation programs for children and young adults
 - paid for supplies for Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day crafts
 - renewed Constant Contact
 - reimbursed Margi for book shop supplies

Charles made a motion to accept the Report; seconded by Sue. Motion passed.

Report from Senior Youth Services Librarian: Jessica Henderson

- Karen and Jessica met with Sue to discuss updating the Sign Language collection over the next few months
- Programs offered during the February vacation were well attended, especially Dave Marchetti's animal experiences.
- The Town approved use of the Common for the Teddy Bear Picnic with Rollie Polie Guacamole on Thursday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m. This year's mascot will be Slyde the Fox! We hope the Friends will volunteer at the Teddy Bear Picnic again this year.
- We have collected 42 pajamas for the 15th Annual Boston Bruins PJ Drive.

Trustee Report: Katherine Udden

- The new Library Director, Libby O'Neill was very enthusiastic when the Selection Committee met her! She felt she definitely will be a great fit for our library.
- Katherine was glad to meet us tonight. Impressed with all the work we do!
- Budget has been submitted to Town Hall, included a part time Young Adult Librarian
- Anisul Chowdhury that was elected as a Trustee will now participate in meetings

Membership: Sara Halton

- 40 new members in February and received \$1,740 in dues
- Total for year: 131 members, \$5850 in dues
- Sara plans to draw a name next week for the free membership raffle prize once Bernadette confirms we have all of the February dues

Book Sale/Book Donation: Lesleyann Foster

- For this Book Drive, the library's publicity helped get the word out & perhaps storm affected the drive. 10 people signed in came plus 3 more came in. Received 11-13 boxes of books
- March Book Drives on March 12 & 26, getting good response from volunteers
- Lesleyann & Betsy had time to talk. Betsy will be the "boots on the ground" person at the Book Sale because Lesleyann may not be able to attend most of the Book Sale days
- Lesleyann does like the publicity side of things. Need more flyers around the library.
- Betsy thanked Lesleyann for creating a punch list that details all that needs to be done. She will share this with Margi so the sorters know what to do
- Publicity is also very detailed so if someone wants to help, a list details all that needs to be done
- Wants to bump up DVD & CD prices from \$1 to \$2.
- Wants to add some perks to members like coupons
- She would like Teachers to get 25% off with an ID
- Use QR Code for memberships or some other means to attract young patrons
- Have a permanent slide for memberships but change something on the slide to keep it fresh
- To help volunteers, have a detailed list of what they should do at Book Sale & people who can be of help

Book Shop: Margi Rossetti

- Left a note to sorters to let them know if they have questions to ask Margi
- Replaced old large table with a smaller lighter table. Re-organized sorting room
- As trays filled up, she filled boxes during the Book Drive
- Last Book Drive went well, sorting went well inside. Same experienced volunteers

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. **Jen O** will clean up Yahoo account messages. Will notify Bernadette or Dave if there is anything financial that needs to be addressed.
2. Zoom meeting about "We Did It for You! Women's Journey Through History" March 3 at 7 pm

Action Items:

1. **Janice** will write a note to sorters informing them that Margi is in charge of Book Shops

Adjourn: Sue made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Jen L. Motion passed.

Next meeting: April 6, 2022

Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins