**Friends of Boyden Library**

**Minutes of February Meeting**

**February 2, 2022**

**Virtually Present**: Janice Rosado, David Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins, Margi Rossetti, Charles DiPompo, Jen Linskey, Sara Halton, Jen Ooi, Lesleyann Foster, Colleen McManus, Betsy Buckland, Don Jenkins

Library Director (Acting) Kathy Bell-Harney, Senior Youth Services Librarian Jessica Henderson,

Trustee Joyce Parlapiano.

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order.

**Minutes of January 5, 2022:**  **Sue Collins** presented the Minutes.

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

**Treasurer’s Report**: **Bernadette** presented the **Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2022**

* Adam gave us check for $1,695. Janice explained this item to new members
* Memberships are coming in.
* As an expense we replaced Hotspot’s equipment.

Sue made a motion to accept the Report; seconded by Dave. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Bernadette presented the** **Proposed Budget for 2022:**

Charles made a motion to accept theProposed Budget for 2022; seconded by Janice. All Approved.

**Report** from **Senior Youth Services Librarian: Jessica Henderson**

* Thanked the Friends for the beautiful new train table and plastic barn with animals. Children play with these all day long! They are a wonderful addition to the Department.
* February vacation programming includes programs for preschool, school aged children and teens. Our preschool programming includes Dave Marchetti's Animal Experiences and a Pajama Party Storytime with Miss Kacee. Our school aged programming includes a Comics/Graphic Novel Writing workshop with local Author/illustrator Scott SanGiacomo. Scott wrote part of his graphic novel Bedhead Ted in the Boyden Library! For teens, we have Teen Tarot Readings with Laura Campagna. All programs require registration.

**Membership: Sara Halton**

* 68 new memberships totaling $3,263 with a total for last year of $7,686.

**Book Sale/Book Donation:**  **Lesleyann Foster**

* **Better World Books**: tried to create a new account replacing More Than Words
* Lesleyann explained that this agency takes books that are a little out of date, no dustcovers, etc.
* **Spring Book Sale** is coming up. Asked if we are interested in having a **Book Drive**. With majority in agreement, Lesleyann believes that we need to have appointments & more of them. Hoping for last Sat. in Feb.
* **Book Sale** setup May 18, then sale 19-21. Lesleyann is hoping that we can get volunteers
* Will start publicity soon

**Report from Library Director (Acting): Kathy Bell-Harney**

* **Music Programs** are being scheduled
* Program for March booked about Louisa May Alcott
* Spoke about **Town protocol for Covid –** Staff wear masks, patrons are encouraged to wear them

**Trustees Report: Joyce Parlapiano**

* Happy to attend Friends’ Meeting
* Engulfed in the search for the new Library Director
* Appreciate all the support the Friends give to the library
* Hoping the Trustees can help support the Friends more in the future
* Re. the Budget, Trustees pared down some items so that a part time Young Adult Librarian could be included. The budget is very close to the number Town Manager wanted

**Old Business**: none

**New Business:**

**Request for use of Memorial Funds** – **Sue Collins** stated that we received a large number of Memorials for Joie Matteson who spent many years as a loving Child Care Provider. Sue requested that we put a plaque with Joie’s name on the toy train table & barn recently purchased for the Children’s Department. The Board enthusiastically supported this request.

**Action Items:**

1. **Betsy** said she’ll help Lesleyann to help make a punch list
2. **Lesleyann** thinks we needs more signs for the Book Sale that will stand out. She will be preparing for the Book Drive. Sending out requests for volunteers for Book Drive & Book Sale.

**Adjourn**: Lesleyann made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Colleen. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting: March 2, 2022 Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room**

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins