

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of November 4, 2015**

Present: David Crimmins, Sue Collins, Bernadette Thie, Jen Ooi, Diane Monahan, Laurie Magee, Lesleyann Foster, Diane Piper, Ann Ross, Janice Rosado, Director Manny Leite and Children's Supervisor Margi Rossetti.

Trustee: Collin Earnst

**Meeting** called to order by **Dave**

**Minutes of October 7, 2015** were presented by **Sue C.** Lesleyann made a motion to accept Minutes; second by Diane M. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report – Bernadette** made her Treasurer's Report. Laurie made a motion to accept the report, second by Sue. Motion passed.

**2016 Membership Drive Kickoff – Lesleyann** suggested we survey (Survey Monkey) our membership with the question "What is a Friend?" to see if there are any misconceptions. Every program that we sponsor should have a sign indicating that. We should get swag, perhaps a magnet. When Margi has a children's program, it would be great to have a table with Friends memberships available. Margi always announces that we are sponsoring the program. Diane suggested we stand at the door and ask for email addresses to notify them of future events and seek memberships. Continue sending out email Blasts announcing Book Sale and other events. At bottom have contact information and a link. Dave suggested that we all contact 5-10 people to become members. Dave will come up with talking points. A Friends brochure should be included with Newcomers packet. When someone applies for library card, a brochure and membership envelop should be given to them. A sub-committee will reconvene and look over which of these ideas we should pursue. At the beginning of January, when we renew our memberships, we'll make a big push for memberships.

**Report from Library Director – Manny** met with the Executive Committee and thanked them for all that the Friends do for the library. There were discussions about other fundraisers, including a raffle. East Bridgewater had a successful raffle with American Girl Doll and a deluxe Lego set. Manny will appear with Bill Keegan on Foxboro Cable. He suggested Dave appear as a guest. Adult programming should be increased. We have a beautiful building and more people should be enjoying it! Kathy Bell-Harney does all the work for adult programming. Manny will work with her and have his input on ideas. One upcoming program is Resume Writing on December 3 & 17. In April there will be a workshop for aspiring authors for young people. Tomorrow is a program entitled *Mass Murder*. Music on Sunday afternoons will be ongoing.

**Report from Children's Librarian - Margi Rossetti** stated that in October Pam Atanasoff did 2 programs. Mrs. Dow's Art Cart had a Halloween theme. She will do 2 more programs that we will sponsor. Mace, a service dog, was a big hit! He will be coming 2 more times in November. Lego free play will be on Sunday afternoons. This will be announced in the Reporter. Any donations of larger Duplos would be appreciated. Margi is looking for performers for winter school vacation.

**Trustee Report – Collin Earnst** thanked everyone for all that we do. This is his first opportunity to do so since being elected. The Trustees will work with Randy Scollins to set up a trust for the unspent funds in the Beyond Books account so that the funds will be totally under the control of the Trustees. Any money spent will be to boost the comfort of the patrons; it will not be used for maintenance costs. Trustees want to augment programming to help the Friends and programming should be expanded.

**Annual Nomination Process – Dave** stated that there will be no December meeting. Our first meeting of the new year will be January 6 and the Annual Meeting will be held January 27. Diane Monahan agreed to be chairperson of the Nominating Committee with Lesleyann and Dave as members.

**Book Sale Update – Diane M.** stated that Jen made some great posters. Bookmarks are at the Circulation Desk. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around. More Than Books and Big Hearted Books will be investigated for the best option to pick up books at the end of the sale.

**Book Club Update – Janice** reported that they have had 2 meetings. Books read include *The Orchard* and *Crossing to Safety*. More seats have been added to the Conference Room so more than 12 people can attend.

**Giving Tree – Diane M** will work with Lisa Downs and the Discretionary Fund to collect gifts. Patrons will take a tag and bring back the gift to the library. Margi will be collecting children's books for Discretionary Fund.

**Old Business – Dave** stated that when the Executive Board met with Manny there was discussion of a Permanent Book Sale area. Manny and Dave will look at the storage areas and see what could be feasible.

**New Business –**

1. **Scanners – Diane** would like to look into using a scanner for Book Sale.
2. **Brewster's Ladies Library Association – Diane** showed us their Annual Report.
3. **Poinsettias – Diane & Dave** will purchase about a dozen for decorating the library.
4. **Books for Food Pantry – Ann** said that the children's books are especially popular.

**Adjourn**–Diane M. made a motion to adjourn; second by Laurie. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting: January 6, 2015 in the Community Meeting Room, Boyden Library at 7:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins