

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of March 2, 2016**

Present: Sue Collins, Bernadette Thie, Jen Ooi, Diane Monahan, Laurie Magee, Barbara Massey, Lesleyann Foster, Diane Piper, Ann Ross, Janice Rosado, Charles DiPompo, Director Manny Leite. Children's Librarian Margi Rossetti, and Trustee Sue Burlone.

**Meeting** called to order by **Sue and Bernadette**.

**Minutes of January 27, 2016** were presented by **Sue**. Laurie made a motion to accept Minutes; second by Bernadette. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Reports – Bernadette** presented the **February Treasurer's Report**. Sue made a motion to accept the report, second by Barbara. Motion passed.

**2016 Membership Drive – Laurie** reported that our membership numbers are very low compared to last year at this time. This may be attributable to the fact that we did not mail out a hard copy of the Newsletter with a membership envelope attached. Last year we had 95 members who donated \$4,500. This year we only have 32 members. The good news is they donated \$1,500 so people are more generous than last year. Laurie also felt we spend a lot of money on postage. There are 142 people getting snail mail Newsletters, 71 are inactive. We should emphasize members should use email to receive Newsletters. Laurie agreed to send out a "Have you forgotten?" letter which has been very successful in the past. Laurie will contact Dave for advice on the form letter. Charlie gave Laurie the names of the people who have bought homes in Foxborough for the last 9 months. Laurie will compare the names on the list to present memberships. Then she will pass the list on to Janice who will send out letters to invite the new home owners to join the Friends.

**January Newsletter – Liz** was not able to attend. Sue suggested that we start planning the Newsletter to go out in April. Several people agreed to send in articles: Manny-Director's report; Margi-Children's Department news; Diane P.-new Friends Bookshop and May's Book Sale; Laurie-need for membership; Barbara-Book Club update.

**Report from Library Director – Manny** was very excited about the SAILS Showcase on March 16 at Bristol Community College. He will talk about the outstanding Electronic Bulletin Boards created by Karen Dugan that promote events. Bernadette, Kathy Bell-Harney and Manny will talk about the Friends' Rental Books. Council on Aging will co-sponsor 2 programs with us. Manny is also working with the Veterans' Agent. March will kick off Teen Yoga and hopefully this will be successful. A large print yellow keyboard has been purchased to make things easier for people with vision problems. Lakeville Pavilion has agreed to pay for the remaining cost of museum passes. An article will appear in the Foxboro Reporter with the owners presenting the check. Manny has noticed that the Concert Series brings in additional patrons on Sunday. Therefore he wants to promote more Sunday programs. Tuesday is Library Legislation Day. Manny will meet with State Representative Jay Barrows and State Senator Timilty. He wants to reinforce that the library matters as much as the Police and Fire Departments to the town of Foxborough. The movies are popular and a new Coloring Program will begin as a meditative exercise March 23, April 27 and May 18.

**Report from Children's Librarian – Margi** thanked the Board for our donation to her mother's hospice program. December's activities included Mrs. Dow's Art Cart that will return April 7. The Shadow Puppet Show was well attended. She collected 88 books for the Discretionary Fund for the Holidays. Plans for the Summer Reading Program are starting. July 14 will be the Annual Teddy Bear Picnic. The Valentine crafts went well. Bob Rossetti held a sports card program and will be back for April Vacation. The Japanese Culture Program was great and she is on the lookout for people to present other cultures. This open invitation will be included as an article for the Foxboro Reporter. The Legos program on Sundays is doing well. About \$100 per month is spent on DVDs Margi might need to buy supplies for Poetry Week in April.

**Trustee Report – Sue Burlone** said that the Trustees worked on the Union contract that will be presented at the Special Town Meeting. Everyone is invited to the upcoming Legislative Breakfast. A panic button will be installed in the Children's Department. The Circulation Desk and the Reference Desk have one now. The alarm goes to the Public Safety Building.

**Ongoing Bookshop Update – Diane P.** presented us with the dimensions of the signage for the Friends Bookshop. The signs will be made by the same company that made the other interior signs. Cost will be about \$150 which the Board agreed was reasonable. Lesleyann will make up the signs for book prices. When signage is installed the Bookshop will be open for business!

**Boyden Library Book Club Report – Barbara** stated that about 9-10 people are regular attendees. We have good discussions. Dates are set for the fall and into the start of 2017. The Board agreed that Barbara's idea of inviting Chris Comier Hayes to make a presentation with suggestions on how to conduct a successful book discussion group would be popular. It will be open to the public.

**Old Business –**

**1. Brattle Book Shop – Sue** brought in some vintage books and pamphlets from our storage room. She gave Bernadette \$10. Perhaps every 6 months she will make the trip into Boston.

**New Business – none**

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

**Next Meeting: Monthly meeting will be on April 6, 2016.**

**All meetings are at 7:30 PM in the Community Meeting Room.**

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins