

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of April 6, 2016

Present: Dave Crimmins, Sue Collins, Bernadette Thie, Jen Ooi, Diane Monahan, Lesleyann Foster, Ann Ross, Janice Rosado, Charles DiPompo, Liz Karvonen, Director Manny Leite. Children's Librarian Margi Rossetti, and Trustee Joe Lally.

Meeting called to order by **Dave**.

Minutes of March 2, 2016 were presented by **Sue**. Janice made a motion to accept Minutes; second by Liz. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Reports – Bernadette presented the **March Treasurer's Report**. Liz made a motion to accept the report, second by Charles. Motion passed.

2016 Membership Drive – Dave said many former donors that wanted Newsletters mailed to them have remained inactive for 5 years. He will speak to Laurie about deleting them from further expensive mailings. Dave and Laurie will work on sending letters out to members who have not paid their 2016 dues. Janice will be sending a welcome letter to people who have recently purchased a home in Foxboro. Thank you to Charlie that provided us with that list. Janice and Dave are working on the letter that will go out to them. Laurie will compare her membership list with the list of recent home owners to avoid duplications. Liz suggested including upcoming library events in the welcome letter.

Report from Library Director – Manny reported on the SAILS Showcase that he attended with Bernadette. They made 2 presentations. First, he made a presentation on the Electronic Bulletin Boards and they also talked about the Friends' DVD Rentals. Manny would like to shorten the DVD lending period from 7 days to 3 days. Manny will post signs, write a notice for our Newsletter and the Foxboro Reporter. Margi suggested a grace period until June 1st. On Library Legislation Day, Manny spoke to Rep. Jay Barrows who is very supportive of libraries. Anita Walton, an Assistant in Tech Services, is leaving and will be missed. Email Blasts will continue to be a joint effort between the library and the Friends. The library usually presents a summary of activities. Jen will continue to send out a last minute reminders.

Report from Children's Librarian – Margi talked about several activities. Chestnut Dental made a very good presentation with a Story Time about taking care of your teeth. Mrs. Dow has a Springtime Art Cart. Bob Rossetti will hold another sports card program during April Vacation. Poetry will be celebrated with a water color collage. Young Adult movies will continue. Pam Atanasoff will have 2 musical presentations called "Musical Journeys" on May 9th. Lesleyann said she would announce that the Friends are supporting the program and she will have a table with membership envelopes displayed. Margi also said she was cooperating with Diane Casilli who is the Director of English Language Arts in the Foxboro Schools for Story Walks in Nature. Lesleyann is very supportive of the idea. Pages of books will be laminated and posted outside and the children will read them as they walk along a trail outside. Margi said she probably will have to have her pages inside, perhaps along the bridge because we have such limited space outside.

Trustee Report – Joe Lally stated that the library has established a Code of Conduct. It will be posted around the library.

Newsletter – Liz stated that the Newsletter is ready to go out. Dave will help Liz with printing.

May Book Sale Update – Lesleyann presented the posters and bookmarks advertising the Book Sale. She will get those printed. She passed around a signup sheet for volunteers to setup on Thursday morning, May 12, work the sale, and clean up on Saturday afternoon, May 14th.

Ongoing Bookshop Update – Lesleyann said that everyone is very happy with its success. Hopefully we can expand it with more non-fiction books.

Boyden Library Book Club Report –Janice said that the next book to be discussed is *The Language of Flowers* on April 13th. May's selection will be *The Red Coat*. On June 8th, Chris Comier Hayes will make a presentation on the graphic novel, *Fun Home: a Family Tragicomic*. She will suggest on how to conduct a successful book discussion group. It will be open to the public; however, Ms. Hayes likes to have a restricted number in the group to facilitate discussion so please let Janice or Barbara know if you are coming. Janice made a motion for \$200, with a second by Sue, to pay for the speaker. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business – Audit is being finalized by Lesleyann.

New Business – none

Adjourn – Sue made a motion to adjourn; second by Liz. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: Monthly meeting will be on May 4, 2016.

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

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins