

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of May 4, 2016

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

Meeting called to order by **Dave**.

Minutes of April 6, 2016 were presented by **Sue**. Liz made a motion to accept Minutes; second by Laurie. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Reports – Bernadette presented the **April Treasurer's Report**. Everyone is pleased with Book Shop sales but they may be slowing down. Signage should be added to let patrons know that there is a new Book Shop in the Children's Department. There was discussion on how to reduce printing and postage fees to mail out Newsletters. Sue made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by Lesleyann. Motion passed. Dave announced that there is a MFOL meeting in Bellingham on May 21. Dave and perhaps Diane M. are going to attend.

Membership - Laurie reported that there have been some generous donations coming in and membership numbers have improved. Janice sent out 75 letters to welcome new homeowners and to invite them to join the Friends. Laurie will send the list of members to Janice to eliminate duplicates. Charles will give Janice new listings once or twice a year. More people are opting to receive Newsletters via email than receive a mailing. In the next Newsletter we will notify members that starting January 1, 2017 we will only email Newsletters, however, there will be hard copies available at the library. We'll emphasize that we want to "Go Green". This policy will be publicized in the next Newsletter, in Constant Contact, on the electronic bulletin boards and in Margi's column. Laurie will also try to post the Newsletter in a file on Facebook.

Book Club – Barbara announced that there are a few seats available. Board Members are invited to join. After May 15, seats will be open to all our Friends. Barbara also thanked the Board for sponsoring Chris Comier Hayes who will be leading a discussion on the graphic novel *Fun House, A Family Tragicomic* by Alison Bechtel.

Report from Library Director – Manny reported that staff member Anita is moving to Memphis and Traci is taking her place. Manny has donated many DVDs of old television shows. Adult Coloring has been going well. *Brilliant Beacons*, a program on lighthouses will be on May 26. The program, *Weird Massachusetts*, on June 2 should be popular with Jeff Belanger. The Music Programs have finished up for the season and Manny is reserving groups for next year. The music programming has increased Sunday circulations. Even though Sunday has shorter hours, it attracts more people than a regular weekday. Manny has printed up notepads and envelopes with the library logo.

Report from Children's Librarian – Margi stated that the Dental Care program and Mrs. Dow's Spring Art Cart were very popular. The Book Shop in the Children's Department has been very successful. Margi recommended that there should be some children's books on the main floor and signage is needed to publicize the children's Book Shop upstairs. "I'm Going to Kindergarten" which was a 5 week program to transition children from pre-school to kindergarten was successful. Miss Pam's program has not received many reservations although it is usually well attended. Jen said she would advertise this on our Facebook page. May is Military Appreciation Month. The adult and children's sections will participate. Children will make cards for veterans and give them to the Veteran's Agent. There will be wrapped books for the Spring Surprise program.

Trustee Report – Joe Lally reported that all the Trustees are members of the Friends and he thanked Sue Burlone for reminding everyone to join.

Founders' Day – Sue said that she is excited to have another fun day at our booth! As in past years, we will sell children's books, have free lollipops and have our donation box displayed. Lesleyann will send out an email asking for a few volunteers to spend an hour or two at the booth. Dave also said he would be able to be at the booth and supply the canopy. We will make sure we save children's books after the Book Sale for our booth.

May Book Sale Update – Lesleyann passed around the signup sheet for volunteers to setup on Thursday morning, May 12, work the sale, and clean up on Saturday afternoon, May 14th. There are a few times that needs a few more people and we need more people to clean up. Lesleyann has looked into companies that will pick up what is left over. Dave will put out the signs to advertise the sale. Membership forms and other materials will be displayed. Dave was notified that we will need more membership envelopes. Jen wanted people to take flyers and that will also go up on our website. Kathy Bell-Harney can send out an EBlast. Jen will send into to Lesleyann about posting the sale on Book Sale Finder. There was discussion and the book bin will remain after the Book Sale so that books will continue to come in for the Book Shop.

Book Shop Update – Lesleyann said that the storage room has adequate capacity for the books we have. We appreciate Manny getting all the books out to Town Hall. Many books are in boxes so that the black crates can be left on the shelves.

New Business – Manga Program for young adults 11-18 needs to be publicized. Signs should be posted at the high school. Bob Rossetti will take care of publicity at the Ahern Middle School. Manny will send an article to Jen for publicity purposes.

Adjourn – Janice made a motion to adjourn; second by Laurie. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: Monthly meeting will be on June 1, 2016.
All meetings are at 7:30 PM in the Community Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins