

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of September 7, 2016

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

Meeting called to order by **Dave**. Dave thanked Janice for taking over the role of Vice President. We all appreciate the insightfulness and energy that she brings to the Board!

Minutes of June 1, 2016 were presented by **Sue**. Diane M. made a motion to accept Minutes; second by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Reports – Bernadette presented the **Treasurer's Report** for May, June and July. Several people commented on the success of the Book Shop. It was suggested that Karen Dugan advertise our gift cards on the electronic bulletin board and we will be sure to display them at the Book Sale. Sue made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by Laurie. Motion passed.

Membership – Laurie stated that we only received 2 memberships over the summer. There was discussion about how to boost our membership numbers. One avenue to do this is with our Newsletter.

Newsletter – Liz was directed to start pushing for our January 2017 membership drive in the October Newsletter. If someone joins early, membership will include 2016-17. It should be emphasized that gift cards would make great Holiday gifts and that they will be available at the November Book Sale. Lesleyann would appreciate mentioning that we are looking for volunteers for the Book Sale. There should be a reminder that any purchases made on Amazon.Smile will benefit the Friends. There was discussion that the last Newsletter that was printed and had an envelope included was very successful. An email Blast to promote membership was also suggested.

Founders Day – Sue reported that **Dave** and she made a great team! We gave away lollipops and bookmarks in addition to selling children's books. Sue was happy that 3 volunteers (Becky and Richard Lee and Sue Patton) came and a new volunteer, Elizabeth Kilcoyne arrived after we packed up early because of the rain. In spite of leaving early, we made \$97. There was discussion of marching in the parade next year.

Report from Library Director – Manny stated that the Adult Programs have been well attended. The Singing Bowls of the Himalayas and the Delvena Theater Company will be returning. Coming programs include Ted Reinstein and technology classes. Bi-weekly Music Programs will begin again in November. They dramatically increase patron attendance. Manny would like to appear with some Friends on Foxboro Cable Access. The SAILS Report was distributed that showed area patronage numbers.

Report from Children's Librarian – Margi handed out the **2016 Summer Reading Programs and Special Events Report** (attached). She was very busy with numerous programs that were all very successful. The Teddy Bear Picnic is by far the largest and most popular program. Next year the Massachusetts Library System will not pay for many paper products including certificates for the Summer

Reading Program. Dave stated that if Margi cannot pay for the items in her budget, the Friends would be happy to help. October programs include a Nature Program and the ever popular Pam Atanasoff. Haunted Luminaires will be one of the Arts and Crafts projects. In November Margi will have a 3 week program for children new to America. Young Adults will be offered a college prep program.

Trustee Report – Kevin Penders stated that the Trustees were on hiatus for the summer. He is very happy that the programs were robustly attended and successful. There are no building issues. Contract negotiations are coming along without a problem. Trustees have created sub-committees to work on issues, including one for technology programs for students, library technology, looking after the library's investments and personnel issues. Kevin is questioning the numbers in the SAILS Report and would like the patronage numbers up. He is pursuing the availability of the Aubuchon property. Kevin is working with Manny about long range planning. Everyone is very happy that the music programs increases the patronage numbers. There was a question about funding for operating on Sundays. Kevin responded that it is included in the operating budget and the library is open on Sundays from October to April.

Book Club Update – Barbara thanked Chris Cormier Hayes for the book discussion group that was held in June. Book Club members came and some of their friends who attend other book clubs. Next week starts the second season with the book The Boys in the Boat. Not looking for new members at this time.

Book Sale Update/Issues/Storage – Lesleyann stated that she will write an article in the Newsletter looking for volunteers. Any donated books that are not suitable will be added to the boxes in the back hall for Big Hearted Books. Manny will look into clearing out the small storage room on the ground floor and see if the Friends can have that room.

Book Shop Discussion – Dave is very pleased how successful the Book Shop has been. Janice and all the people who sort the book donations have kept the shelves stocked. Janice has written the date the book is put out on the inside cover so we know if a book is sitting there too long and not moving. There was discussion of the Book Shop expanding to the area under the stairs and possibly where the magazine racks are. Perhaps that can be for bargain books so it won't compete with the book rentals.

Old Business – Coupons that Lesleyann created for a free book for new members were not included on the letter that Janice sent out.

New Business:

- At **Open House in schools** - suggested Friends set up a table
- Suggested that Friends have a **table at the Election Polls in November**. Sue will ask Kathy Brady about this.

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

Next Meeting: October 5, 2016.

All meetings are at 7:30 PM in the Fuller Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins