

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of September 6, 2017

Present: Dave Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins, Janice Rosado, Ann Ross, Lesleyann Foster, Christina Metcalf, Diane Monahan, Barbara Massey, Laurie Magee, Colleen McManus, Charles DiPampo, Director Manny Leite, Children's Librarian Margi Rossetti, and Trustee Joe Lally.

Meeting called to order by **Dave**.

Minutes of June 7, 2017 were presented by **Sue**. **Diane** made a motion to accept Minutes; second by Laurie. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Reports – **Bernadette** presented the **Treasurer's Reports** for the summer months and Year-to-Date. July is definitely the busiest for our Book Shop and it is doing even better than last year. The Last Chapter does very well and Children's books are popular too. Teddy Bear Picnic went well. Raffle made over \$300 profit. Lottery tickets were popular and it was most cost effective. Memberships are doing better than last year. Lesleyann asked Bernadette to give her more information about the raffle proceeds for the final report for the Lottery Commission. Sue made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; second by Janice. Motion passed.

Book Store Update – **Janice** said that we need to be selective on what we save for the Book Sale. We need to make room on the shelves. We lost a volunteer so Janice asked if someone else wants to volunteer or switch days. Barbara volunteered for Tuesday. Janice and Dave thanked everyone for their hard work.

2017 Membership Update – **Christina** said that we don't need 6 months of **Constant Contact**. She will change the setup and she will buy 3 domains for our name. Spinney Series is approaching. Fifteen tickets were given to the Friends for Nathalia Holt's presentation on *Rocket Girls*. Information about the Series was distributed.

Report from Library Director – **Manny** said this series is generously funded by John Spinney. Space Exploration is the first theme. Rico Petrocelli was a terrific speaker! He wants an athlete or sports figure to come because they are a great draw. Christina and Manny are members of the Long Range Planning Committee. The question is where are we going to be in the next 5 years? Manny wants to increase the library's use of technology and Young Adult Programming.

Report from Children's Librarian – **Margi** stated that the Summer Reading Program was very busy. There was great attendance, especially special events. The number of children is down for signing up for reading books. Lesleyann asked about the schools. Margi invites all the kindergarteners here to get them familiar with the library. We are ranked very high among all 78 SAILS Libraries. Children were coming in and reading. Margi is thinking of having a raffle for The Summer Reading Program to attract families. Every time a child writes a book in their log, they could get a raffle ticket. Barbara asked if the schools have their own reading logs. Lesleyann said the schools accept all evidence of books read such as signed Barnes and Noble logs. They just show that to a librarian or their teacher. There was discussion about giving a free book as a prize. Janice and Margi will get together and put books aside for next summer.

Lesleyann suggested having a Treasure Chest with books and prizes. Diane asked if all the programs were cost effective. Programs coming up are making a Pet Ghost, Mrs. Dow's Halloween Cart and Miss Pam.

Trustee Report – Joe Lally said that next week will be their first meeting of Trustees since their summer hiatus. The Spinney Speaker Series looks wonderful. He complimented Christina's great design outlining all the programs in the series. Manny has also been working very hard on this series.

Old Business –

Officer/Chairs/Assignments – Dave said that before we broke for June he wanted people to think if they wanted to change their positions on a committee. Let him know or he may reach out to new people. Dave will also ask people to be on the Nomination Committee to compose a new slate for our Annual Meeting.

Teddy Bear Picnic – Bernadette and Lesleyann were amazed how many new people were there.

Attendance was great! Sue thought it was great fun and hopes we will publicize the books better next time. Lollipops were a great draw to our table.

Honorarium Policy – Dave asked if anyone had additional changes. Charles did have a few suggestions. He will write them up and give that to Dave.

Founder's Day Update – Sue and Dave said that most people this year were excited about the raffles. If a parent had a girl they bought American Girl tickets, boys wanted Lego tickets. Many parents or adults bought Lottery tickets. We sold a few books. Freebies also attracted customers. We will have to think about raffle items for next year. Perhaps we can start planning in January. Christina was asked to apply to Partners in Patriotism and request items from the players which should be very popular.

Tote Bag Update – Dave asked Manny if staff would be willing to sell bags at the Circulation Desk. Manny has agreed that we can do it year round for \$10. Colleen suggested we give a tote bag as a reward for a generous Friend membership.

New Business –

1. Dates for Fall Book Sale – November 16-18- Lesleyann said we would set up Wednesday, 11/15 afternoon. Lesleyann will get young people to do the heavy lifting. Manny asked her if she could advertise on Cable and other avenues. Lesleyann will make a Christmas tree with books. We will have a hour preview on Thursday for Members. People can sign up for memberships to get in.

2. Newsletter – Dave will ask Liz to compose a Newsletter to go out at the end of October to publicize the Fall Book Sale and to let everyone know about what we have done since the last one.

Action Items:

1. Margi & Janice will put books aside as prizes for next **Summer Reading program**.

2. Dave will compose a **Nominations Committee** and contact **Liz** about **Newsletter**. **Articles should be submitted to her by the 1st of October**.

3. Charles will make changes to the **Honorarium Policy** and give that to Dave.

4. Christina will get an application from the **Partners in Patriotism** so we can ask for Raffle items. She has money to purchase **3 domains** to secure our name.

5. Lesleyann will prepare for **Book Sale**. She will advertise on **Cable** and other venues. She will also ask **Honor Students and Confirmation candidates** to help in setting up and cleaning up.

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

Next Meeting: October 4, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the Fuller Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Collins