

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of February Meeting**  
**February 5, 2020**

**Present:** Janice Rosado, David Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins, Lesleyann Foster, Charles DiPompo, Jennifer Linskey, Bob Boynton, Jen Ooi, Elaine Biggieri, Library Director Manny Leite, Children's Librarian Margi Rossetti and Trustee Kevin Penders. Guest: Susan Smith  
Sara sent us a Thank you note for our Baby Gift.

**Janice Rosado** called the meeting to order.

**Minutes of January 8, 2020** were presented by **Sue Collins**. Jen made a motion to accept the Minutes; second by Janice. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report: Bernadette Thie** presented the Monthly Treasurer's Report for **January**, the 2019 Budget and the Proposed Budget for 2020:

- The budget was pretty much the same as last year but we are adding 1 more museums pass, 3 Hot Spots and Bookmarks for the Library (as requested by Kathy Bell-Harney)
- Executive Board had a meeting with Bartholomew and our investment is doing very well!
- Bob made a motion to accept Treasurers report; second by Lesleyann. Motion passed
- Annual Budget, Lesleyann made a motion to accept the Annual Budget, Dave seconded. Motion passed.

**Membership: Sara Halton** was unable to attend so **Bernadette** reported:

- 59 members that have paid for 2020
- Suggested we have Incentives for people who pay their member ship fee by the end of February

**Newsletter: Dave Crimmins**

- **Next Newsletter** will go out sometime in April, articles will be due in March
- Will highlight new items offered at library

**Book Sale: Lesleyann Foster**

- Next month she will start gearing up for Book Sale May 14,15, & 16, hours will stay the same
- Great to set up early
- Kathy Bell-Harney will mark boxes that have Large Print. Charles will keep some but some will be donated to the Senior Center or perhaps Doolittle Home

**Report from Library Director: Manny Leite**

- **Concert Series** on Sundays is doing very well
- **Pam Riccio** is doing very well in her new position

### **Trustee Report: Kevin Penders**

- Focused on Budget for several months, spending a lot of time discussing the YA Librarian position
- Elections are coming up in May. Kevin will be running again for the 5<sup>th</sup> term. Tom Magee will not be returning. They are looking for someone to fill this position.
- Starting to plan for the Spinney Speaker Series in the fall for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

### **Presentation on Young Adult Librarian Position: Manny Leite**

- Visits to library are increasing; Circulation is up dramatically in the last 3 years, mostly because of technology use
- Mission Statement is failing because we are underserving our young adults
- There are experts in Young Adult Literature, teen population (12-18)
- 9 cities/towns within SAILS have a Young Adult Librarians
- We are considered a newly built library, 11 have a YA Librarian
- There are many programs that attract teens like Anime, Video games breakdancing, etc.
- How will it help teens: prepare teens for colleges, careers, and life through programs and services
- Young Adults can help with service projects
- Teen Advisory Boards have held various programs and events. This enables teens to learn leadership and teamwork skills
- Helps bridge the gap between the community and library
- Sample Activities: movie nights with a canned food drive, work with Foxboro YMCA & Friends, College Admission Programs, collect toys for animal shelter, make greeting cards for Assisted Living Programs
- Target Audience: Ahern (822), high school (571 excluding Seniors), Charter School, Sage School, Bishop Feehan, SE Regional, Homeschool teens
- This is money well spent
- We have a Young Adult Section in our library already but no one to lead, perhaps let YA Librarian decorate and make the space more inviting
- We need the public to support us at Town Meeting, Town Manager approved a part time position rather than full time. Manny and Trustee will appear before Advisory Committee on 2/12 at 8 pm
- Manny would appreciate letters of support for this position to the Foxboro Reporter before the Annual Meeting May 11 and let Advisory Committee know we fully support this issue
- Jen Ooi made a motion to fully support the hiring of a Young Adult Librarian, second by Janice. Motion was passed unanimously

### **Report from Children's Librarian: Margi Rossetti**

- Coming up is drop in and make a valentine, Friends buy materials
- February vacation has a chocolate making and tasting event
- Helene will have a Calligraphy program for Adults and Young Adults
- PJ drive is going well
- Teddy Bear Picnic is planned for July

### **Old Business:**

- **Senior Tax Program:** Deb Wendell is very organized and will be a great asset to the Library

**New Business:**

- **Auditor:** Bob volunteered to audit our finances again
- **Raffle Application:** Bernadette will apply. Jen L suggested a Kindle and an Amazon Gift card Raffle for Founders Day.
- **Jen L** suggested Friends could have raffle with a basket filled with wines and liquor at Founders Day (picture of spirits)
- **Reception as a Thank You** for members of Friends. Sub-committee is: Jen L, Jen O, Dave, Bernadette, Sue

**Action Items:**

- **Bernadette & Sara** will gather incentives for memberships
- **Sub-Committee for Thank You** for Friends: Jen L, Jen O, Dave, Bernadette, Sue
- **Bernadette** apply for **Raffle permit**
- **Charles** gathering **Large Print Books** for our Sale and others donated to COA & Doolittle Home

**Adjourn:** Lesleyann made a motion to adjourn; second by Bob. Motion passed.

**Next meeting – March 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Friends Community Meeting Room**

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins