

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of April Meeting
April 7, 2021

Virtually Present: Janice Rosado, David Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins, Sara Halton, Colleen McManus, Lesleyann Foster, Jen Linskey, Jen Ooi, Margi Rossetti, Charles DiPompo, Elaine Brodeur, Library Director Manny Leite, Senior Youth Services Librarian Jessica Henderson, Trustee Collin Earnst

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order

Minutes of March 3, 2021: **Sue Collins** presented the Minutes. Charles made a motion to accept the Minutes; second by Elaine. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: **Bernadette Thie** presented the Monthly Treasurer's Reports for March:

- quiet month
- more income than expenses; not many expenses
- Book Shop is doing very well
- memberships are doing better than ever
- \$80 donation from Plainville family who enjoy children's library!

Janice made a motion to accept the Report; second by Lesleyann. Motion passed.

Newsletter: **Dave Crimmins**

- Newsletter will go out early May, before Book Sale
- Lesleyann will write article about Book Drive which has been very popular
- Information on May Book Sale will be included
- Will include picture of bookmarks & article about Beth Morell
- Dave will write 60th Anniversary article

Membership: **Sara Halton:**

- 8 new members in March with a total of \$631.10
- We have a grand total of \$7105, about \$1000 higher than for the first 3 months of pre-pandemic 2019

Book Sale/Book Donation: **Lesleyann Foster**

- Outdoor Book Sale has its limitations and it's harder to organize
- If allowed, we will have appointments for indoor Sale, social distancing & follow all safety protocol
- We would have the same locations as November Sale, downstairs & Café
- Lesleyann would like an early Friends Hour & early hour for Seniors
- We will make a final decision with Manny & Trustees, it'll be nice to have flexibility
- Lesleyann likes the face-to-face drop off. We are getting great donations!
- Lesleyann asked for volunteers for Saturday because she is quarantined. Dave, Charles, Janice, Margi all volunteered

Report from Library Director: Manny Leite

- Wants to open library more, extend hours to normal times. Libraries near us are extending their hours. He will ask the Trustees to open up evenings.
- Wants to open up Tutoring Room, perhaps in June or July
- Meeting Rooms – not opening yet, have to follow State protocols. Many people are calling to see if they could book a room

Report from Senior Youth Services Librarian: Jessica Henderson

- Wants to book things for Summer Kick Off, several great events planned, on EventKeeper
- Teddy Bear Picnic: band is booked, Thursday in July 22 with rain date. Closer to the time, we can see what we can do with safety protocols. Friends would like to have a presence: sell books, give out coupons
- Jessica wants the Pat the Patriot mascot. Margi will write a letter on our letterhead
- Would like coupons for Summer Reading Program for Book Shop, perhaps online Google Play coupon. Friends approved up to \$50 in Book Shop coupons for the summer reading program and up to \$40 for YA program.
- Wants to encourage Teens to come into the building. Might do something different for them
- It would be great if we could get AP books donated.

Trustee Report: Collin Earnst

- It is remarkable how vibrant the Boyden Library is! Many libraries are still closed & their Friends dormant
- Deb Stone who has served for 6 years is stepping down. We will miss her!
- Collin is running again and Joyce Parlapiano will be running for the remaining 2 years of a 3-year term that resulted when Tom Magee chose not to run again.
- There is a vacancy so perhaps Trustees will present someone before summer

Old Business:

- **Friends 60th Anniversary: Janice Rosado**
Sue, Bernadette, Elaine, Jen L will form a sub-Committee to see how we can celebrate

New Business:

- **Zoo Ticket Pricing – Janice Rosado**
Last year we got tickets for Southwick Zoo. Presented \$25 tickets for \$15. Suggested selling them for \$20 now
- **Bookmarks by Beth – Margi Rossetti**
Elizabeth Morell made beautiful counted cross stitch bookmarks of various birds and wanted to donate them to us to sell for profit. They are at main desk. Selling them for \$7 each. Listed as a gift card.

Action Items: Sue Collins

- Bernadette will write letter to Patriots requesting Pat the Patriot
- Dave, Charles, Margi, Janice & perhaps student volunteer will work Saturday for book dropoff
- Sue will form sub-committee re. 60th Anniversary with Bernadette, Elaine, Jen L

Adjourn: Bernadette made a motion to adjourn; second by Colleen. Motion passed

Next meeting: May 5, 2021
Meeting at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins