

**Friends of Boyden Library**  
**Minutes of May Meeting**  
**May 5, 2021**

**Virtually Present:** Bernadette Thie, David Crimmins, Sue Collins, Sara Halton, Colleen McManus, Lesleyann Foster, Jen Linskey, Margi Rossetti, Elaine Brodeur, Library Director Manny Leite, Senior Youth Services Librarian Jessica Henderson, Trustee Christine Freeman

**Bernadette Thie** called the meeting to order

**Minutes of April 7, 2021:** **Sue Collins** presented the Minutes. Margi made a motion to accept the Minutes; second by David. Motion passed. We received a Thank You letter from Boston College High School in memory of James Monahan.

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

- Quiet month
- Big donation in memory of Cynthia Kulig.
- Sold Southwick Zoo passes
- Paid for some programs

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

**Newsletter:** **Dave Crimmins**

- Jenn did a great job editing
- Information on May Book Sale was included
- Next Newsletter will go out before November Book Sale

**Membership:** **Sara Halton:**

- 5 new members in March with a total of \$ 170
- We have a grand total of \$ \$7275

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

- Lesleyann stated Book Drive has been very popular
- 32 people have signed up for Book Sale, Thursday is busy with only 2 for Friday
- Hopefully with more publicity we'll get more of a response
- Will send out a Blast for the bag sale
- A lot of Friends have volunteered

**Report from Library Director:** **Manny Leite**

- Town Meeting is Monday
- Annual Report is also due
- Library Guidelines are revised. No more quarantining of books, makes work easier for staff!
- Public Meetings will not be happening anytime soon. Probably August 1st. No hurry.

- Collin and Joyce were elected. There was a write-in candidate. That person will be notified to make sure he will accept the position
- Hours extended to normal times

#### **Report from Senior Youth Services Librarian: Jessica Henderson**

- Margi wrote a great proposal to Gillette Stadium for Pat Patriot and cheerleaders for Teddy Bear Picnic
- Wants to install a Book Shop in Young Adult section
- Colleen will help stock the Book Shop
- Jessica will help herself before Bag Sale for books for Summer Prizes
- Crafts-to-Go is very popular! It will go through the summer.
- Story Times will be held outside. People have to register so numbers are safe.
- Children who received their first library card are coming in!
- Families that haven't come in since the Pandemic starting to come in. New books are posted to attract families

#### **Trustee Report: Christine Freeman**

- At meeting next week they have to elect a chair and a recording secretary
- Collin Earnst and Joyce Parlapiano were elected. There was a write in candidate. That person will be notified to see if they will accept the position

#### **Old Business:**

- **Friends 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Sue Collins**

Elaine, Bernadette & I got together. Jen L couldn't make it.

In January 1961, Mrs. Corodon Foster, Chair of the Library Board elected Lawrence Powers to be Temporary Chair of the Friends of Boyden Library Group. He stated "...this organization can mean so much to the cultural development of this community." Their main goal was to form a Library Facility Planning Committee to find a new location outside of Memorial Hall. By November 1961 the Friends numbered 100! Had meetings at Bethany Congregational Church. The Friends held their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Book Fair at the First National Store (now O'Reilly's).

Committee came up with several ideas: In the fall (perhaps September) perhaps the Jazz Band with 60's music could play while hors oeuvres & cupcakes served. Hopefully Jack Authelet could talk about Library History. During the summer, we could host a summer program including Teddy Bear Picnic.

#### **New Business:**

- **Nomination of Auditor: Dave Crimmins**

**Bob Boynton** has graciously offered to audit the records. Thank you, Bob! Bernadette will send him her records.

- **Cynthia Kulig Memorial donation: Dave Crimmins**

Family liked the idea of the Friends purchasing a bookcase in memory of Cynthia Kulig.

Dave made a motion to spend up to \$1000 for a bookcase for Book Shop and to place a plaque on it in memory of Cynthia Kulig, second by Sue. Motion passed unanimously,

#### **Action Items: Sue Collins**

- Manny will decide when the book bin can go back out.
- Colleen will help staff set up the Young Adult Book Shop

- Janice will purchase a new Bookcase for Book Shop for Adults

**Adjourn:** Sue made a motion to adjourn; second by Margi. Motion passed

**Next meeting: June 2, 2021**

**Meeting at 7:00 pm via Zoom**

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins