

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of November Meeting
November 3, 2021

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

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order. Regretfully, Elaine Biggieri Brodeur & Bob Boynton have resigned.

Betsy Buckland sent a Thank You note for the bouquet of flowers that were presented to her at her Retirement party!

Minutes of October 6, 2021: Sue Collins asked **Jen Ooi** to present the Minutes
Janice made a motion to accept the amended Minutes; seconded by Dave. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Book Shops sales were a little slow
- \$38 from donations came from the sale of Stop & Shop grocery bags.
- Paid some Adult programs

Sue made a motion to accept the Report; seconded by Charles. The Motion passed unanimously.

Report from Senior Youth Services Librarian: Jessica Henderson

- Busy month, children enjoyed a lot of programs
- Kaycee has been successful telling stories at Payson Road Recreation Center
- Patriot Place had a very successful Fall event. Patriot Place will provide supplies next year
- Halloween program went well

Newsletter: Dave Crimmins

- Newsletter is printed & online
- January Newsletter is next

Membership/Pay by Phone: Sara Halton

- 1 new membership
- PayPal is ok. Sara did research & Venmo is not possible because company doesn't work with non-profits at this time
- Credit cards continue to work

Book Sale/Book Donation: Lesleyann Foster

- Donation Drive: not many signed up but it was one of the most successful book drives. Many people just showed up. Thanked all the hard work of the Volunteers!
- Dave, Jen L & Sara dropped off discarded books to Savers. North Attleboro accepted more than Norwood
- Lesleyann & Jen L have gotten publicity for the sale in many venues

- Lesleyann wants more membership perks. She proposed offering early bag sale prices (\$5/bag) for members Friday 3-5 pm, Board members agreed.
- Adam will come on Wednesday evening to look through books to sell on Amazon
- Will make Bookmarks to advertise the sale
- Lawn signs & Sandwich Boards need to go out. Dave & Charles will coordinate that. Will look into adding Thursday to signs.

Report from Library Director: Manny Leite

- Upcoming events: excited to present various Sunday Concerts
- Ted Reinstein will present his latest book *Before Brooklyn. The Unsung Heroes Who Helped Baseball's Color Barrier*
- Author, Nandini Bajpai, the keynote speaker for the Signature Series, spoke from the heart. Bollywood dancers, who performed prior to her talk were a great hit at the Marilyn Rodman Performing Arts Center!
- Manny announced that he is leaving for a job as Director of the Blount County Public Library in Knoxville Tennessee. We wished him all the best. He will remain until mid-January

Trustees Report: Collin Earnst

- Trustees have their work cut out for them to start the process to fill Manny's position
- Wanted the Signature Series to reflect diverse cultures. Many families & children saw themselves reflected in the faces of the Bollywood dancers.
- Starting the budget process which can be arduous

Old Business:

- **Friends 60th Anniversary: Sue Collins**
Jack Authelet will speak on Sunday, November 14, 1-2 pm in Friends' Community Meeting Room. He will speak about Library & volunteer history from Memorial Hall to present.
- **Giving Tree – Colleen McManus** plans to set up the tree this Sunday. Donations need to be back December 8. Colleen will ask the Discretionary Fund if they will accept books this year.

New Business: none

Action Items:

- **Dave & Charles** will set out Book Sale lawn signs
- **Colleen** will set up Giving Tree & ask about collecting Books
- **Sue** check in again with Jack Authelet about November 14

Adjourn: Margi made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Lesleyann. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting: January 5, 2022

Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins