

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of November Meeting
November 5, 2025

Present: Betsy Buckland, Sue Collins, Katherine Howard, Betsy Lorusso, Bernadette Thie, Margi Rossetti, Colleen McManus, Lesleyann Foster, Charles DiPompo, Janice Rosado, Mo Ryan-Wise, Kelly Conger, Ashley Clement, Emma Brelsford, Jennifir Huston, Sara Halton, Trustee.

Meeting called to order: Sue Collins calls meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Approval October 1st Minutes: Betsy Lorusso requests motion to accept the October 1st minutes. Ashley made motion to accept minutes, seconded by Bernadette. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Katherine Howard

Process of getting receipts from the fall social. Oct income \$640.00 includes book shops, donations and membership.

Expenses \$517.00 includes Money minder and printing. Bernadette has finished the audit and shall send out shortly.

December plans EOY and put budget together for 2026. Wants to look into the cadence of distribution of funds to the librarians in 2026.

Make 4 equal payments of \$5000 and a disbursement from Ann Clark fund of \$1000 in June. From Financial point of view

Betsy B suggests we talk about disbursements now. Libby will know that they will be getting \$5000 qtrly. Make a motion for \$5000 be transferred quarterly into the Friends 2.0 account. Ann Clark \$1000 July 1st. Katherine made motion to accept the 4 qrtly disbursements and \$1000 from Ann Clark on July 1st. Motion seconded by Janice. Discussion? Motion passed. Jennifir and Emma agree that qrtly (Jan, April, July, Oct.) disbursements work.

January meeting will have November, December Report, and End of Year Report. Katherine requests a motion to accept the October Treasurers report.

Betsy B makes a motion to accept the Oct Treasurer report, seconded by Margi. Motion passed.

Director's Report: Libby O'Neill unable to attend: Jennifer to give report.

Friends sponsored October programs: 10/9 Pumpkin craft with Rachelle Toth: 21 attendees. 10/23 Henna Program with Shruthi: 13 attendees.

10/29 Boston Light talk with Keeper Sally Snowman: 7 attendees.

Upcoming Friends sponsored programs: First two concerts 11/2 Al Testa's Jazz Trio, 11/16 Knock on Wood, 11/13 Paperwhite – make and take, 11/5 Fall Card Making workshop, 11/20 Craft Night with Traci

Tinker Tank hours have changed slightly. We're still open Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 6-7:30, but we have dropped Friday mornings. Patrons can now fill out a form to schedule an appointment to come use any makerspace equipment.

Our Community Food Cupboard has been open since October 6th and almost 50 items have been taken. We expect things will start to move fast with SNAP benefits disappearing in November. Patrons can also donate Food for Fines (\$1 off for 1 non-perishable, non-expired item) in November and December,

Our March 2026 Community Reads series has been finalized: *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel. He will be speaking at the Library on the evening of March 31st, so please save the date! We'd love to have the Friends sponsor the promotional materials again (up to \$125 for this year, last year we spent \$95) and one big program. Stay tuned for more details!

YA Librarian's Report: Jennifir Huston

November: Friends sponsored a holiday decoration. 11/13 There will be a Criquet demo at 6-7:30 pm, January: A Natural Succulent.

Childrens' Services Librarian Report: Emma Brelsford

Friends sponsored programs: 10/18 Harvest Pumpkin Party with Elijah T: Grasshopper and the Orange Farmer, 10/27 Baby Kneads-Bonding with Baby

10/10 Pop Up Art School-Clay Candy Corn Craft, 10/8 Sketchy Goichie iPad Digital Illustration Class, 11/1 Animal Adventures-DINO Adventures

11/29 Jonah Knight – Magical Winter Lights

Amazon Purchase: Light Uptown craft supplies, Xylophones for new Music in Motion Program, Fabric for no sew pillow craft and Toys for story time.

Trustee Report: Sara Halton--On the financial side, Libby and Paul to meet about FY 2027 budget. Approved new public comment policy rules.

Reviewed meeting room and pods policies. Sue asked for updated Trustee schedule for Friends Meeting: Joyce for January, Ashley for February.

Membership: Colleen McManus Total: 186 this year. 192 last year. Three members hadn't paid in 2025. 2 brand new members. PayPal membership form has a place to ask if they want to volunteer. Colleen's husband helped her set up form on PayPal. Boyden website has a membership form and Colleen will discuss this issue with Katherine. Colleen suggests to review form used at book sale. iPad has a spot with reports.

Newsletter: Bernadette Thie People need to submit news for January Newsletter. She has plenty of photos from events.

Book Shop: Margi Rossetti Thanked Matt for selling 20 Bob Dylan vinyl records for \$200. Matt will preview book sale books Weds at 4 pm. Thanks to Ashley for laminating the signs for book sale. Put the big signs on the wall with table numbers on the sign. Use only painters' tape to put signs up on walls. Signs posted in café about the café being used for book sale. No longer putting books in back hall. Bay State Books scheduled for 11/17 after sale. Margie will make bundles of holiday books for sale. Raffle basket all set: Friends gift card, pencils, book bag and books.

Book Sale: Lesleyann Foster

Successful Book Drive on Oct 25. Lots of volunteers, huge kids book donation, but received many musty, buggy books. Please note new donation rules. Book drive ran smoothly thanks to Bob and Charles doing all the heavy lifting.

Book Sale: Article submitted to Reporter, Constant Contact, and posted to social media. Email invites sent to sorters, volunteers, and to staff. Opened more slots for volunteers on Thursday and Friday morning. Student volunteers have filled all spots except Saturday afternoon. Lots of adult participation. Will ask Renee who updates the sandwich board sign out front. Katherine will bring iPad and membership list. Colleen to provide membership lists for upstairs and downstairs. Paul Farmer hasn't responded regarding Book Drive signs. Proposed 2/28 and 4/4 spring Book Drives. Charles has volunteered to put out the Book Sale yard signs which are in sorting room. Put up signs Sunday before Book Sale. Foxborough Charter School is building a library. Their students will buy a Friends membership and will come on Fill a Bag Day to help provide books for their new library.

Volunteers: Janice Rosado Sent out 14 emails to volunteers for the book sale. Called Jean Coombs who will volunteer at Book Sale. Jean's email given to Colleen. Janice's granddaughter will volunteer at Book Sale.

Old Business:

Friends Social Report 10/22/2025: Mo says Ashley, Betsy L and she were The Terrific Trio. We met every few weeks, had a text chain and Ashley's son helped create some of the decorations. With the larger venue, 58 people signed up to attend. Many thanks to Kelly Conger who helped with set up and to all who stayed to clean up after the event.

Giving Tree: Colleen McManus: In touch with Discretionary Fund, will get tags on the tree, and will put into Reporter. Bernadette and Colleen to make the tags. Colleen will send KBH a small write up to put in Boyden's newsletter. New children's books will also be collected with a box next to the Giving Tree.

New Business:

Request new Monitor for Friends of Boyden Library email: Betsy Lorusso shall discuss position with Kelly Conger after New Year.

Volunteer to purchase Poinsettias for Library: Sue Collins. Friends purchase Poinsettias. Betsy Buckland to buy and distribute them.

Friends Representative at Trustee Meetings: Sue Collins
Sue has Board members signed up until February.

Nomination Committee Report: Charles, Bernadette, Betsy L: Maureen Ryan agrees to be 2026 nominee for Vice President for a 1-year position.

Membership envelopes: Betsy B made motion to allow up to \$500 to purchase 1000 membership envelopes. Seconded by Katherine. Motion passed.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. by Katherine, seconded by Ashley. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: January 7, 2026 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted by: Betsy Lorusso, Secretary