

Friends of Boyden Library
Minutes of April Meeting
April 6, 2022

Present: Janice Rosado, David Crimmins, Bernadette Thie, Sue Collins Charles DiPompo, Jen Ooi, Lesleyann Foster, Margi Rossetti, Betsy Buckland, Don Jenkins, Director Libby O'Neill, Senior Youth Services Librarian Jessica Henderson, Trustee Christine Igo Freeman

Janice Rosado called the meeting to order. A Thank You note from Bernadette was circulated. It thanked the Friends for an Edible Arrangement when she was out for medical reasons. We all introduced ourselves to new Director.

Minutes of March 2, 2022: Sue Collins presented the Minutes.

Janice made a motion to accept the Minutes; seconded by Dave. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bernadette presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2022:

- Amazon Smile gave us their quarterly contribution
- Our CD over \$5,000 was rolled over

Margi made a motion to accept the Report; seconded by Sue. Motion passed.

Report from Library Director: Libby O'Neill

- Not much to report not here long
- Had a staff meeting.
- Went to Town Hall
- Wants to participate in Council on Aging Book Club
- Wants more adult programming. Will send out a survey

Report from Senior Youth Services Librarian: Jessica Henderson

- The Youth Services Department has several exciting programs planned for April vacation:
- Shape Poem Drop-In Craft with Katelyn, Ages 4-10: Tues., April 19
- Learning to Weave with Historic New England, Grades 5-8 and 9-12: Wed., April 20
- Shake It Up Storytime with Guest Walpole Dental Associates: Thurs., April 21
- Big Joe the Storyteller Presents: Around the World in 5 Stories, Ages 2-10: Fri, April 22
- Family Stories through Art Workshop for Adult/Child Partners, Ages 6+: Sun, Apr 24
- Several programs still have spaces. Lesleyann suggested reaching out to the PTO for publicity.
- This year's Summer Reading theme is, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path," featuring art by Dav Pilkey, Jessica Gibson and Kayla Miller. Friends groups may use the clip art!
- Every child who registers for the online reading program will receive a free book and a brag tag!
- Discussion about putting a float for the library & Friends in the Founders' Day Parade

Trustee Report: Christine Igo Freeman

- Thrilled to welcome new Director Libby
- Trustees will meet next week
- Discussion of part time Young Adult Librarian in the budget. All are urged to go to Annual Town Meeting, Monday May 9 to support the Library's budget!

Membership: Sara Halton was unable to attend. Lesleyann reported

- 12 New Members, \$305 collected
- Year-to-date: 143 members with a total of \$6,215 in dues
- Miss You letters went out to patrons who haven't paid membership dues for 2 years

Newsletter: Jen Ooi

- Things are going well
- Has inserted graphics & pictures
- Newsletter will go out about May 1st

Book Shop: Margi Rossetti

- Some of our sorters have been out but now everyone is back
- Sorting Room is filling up with books
- 60 boxes for sale at this point. Another Book Drive coming up
- Suggested selling bundles of books online year-round (Facebook)
- We should publicize & promote the Friends

Book Sale/Book Donation: Lesleyann Foster

- Book Sale is May 19-21
- Betsy is helping with action items
- Another Book Drive is coming April 9
- Betsy is going to have more Publicity Flyers & post them around town; also, bookmarks printed
- Printed several Price Lists to post around Book Sale
- Researched raising the prices but will stay the course
- Lesleyann will promote Teacher Discount with a flyer, 20% off if teacher shows their badge
- Going to hold books for Veterans, Lucy Lee who help Prisoner Program & Chris Dawley for the DHC
- Recruiting new members on social media, such as Instagram
- Sign advertising Book Drive should be made
- Janice will organize a pick up of leftover sale books for More Than Words

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. Volunteer Appreciation – Janice

Reward those who have helped for several Book Sales & sorters
Margi & Dave volunteered

2. Appoint Auditor – Janice

Colleen said she was interested, Bernadette will contact her

3. Appoint Founders' Day Chair – Janice

Sue volunteered to chair; Charles, Dave & Betsy volunteers

4. Appoint Teddy Bear Picnic Chair – Janice

Sara volunteered; Bernadette & Sue volunteered, Jen L will be contacted

5. Volunteers to review Membership envelope

Charles & Don volunteered to review envelope & review our website & sites where we can get Friends publicized; Charles will contact Jen L as Publicity Chair & also contact Colleen & Sara

6. Free PayPal for non-profits

PayPal has a Giving Fund where users can donate money

Action Items:

1. none

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

Next meeting: May 4, 2022

Meeting at 7:00 pm in Community Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted: Sue Collins