

Friends of Boyden Library  
Minutes of June Meeting  
June 4, 2025

**Present:** Sue Collins, Betsy Buckland, Katherine Howard, Betsy Lorusso, Bernadette Thie, Colleen McManus, Margi Rossetti, Lesleyann Foster, Janice Rosado, Maureen Ryan-Wise, Charles DiPompo, Ashley Clement, Director Libby O'Neill, YA Librarian Jennifir Huston, Youth Services Librarian Emma Brelsford, Trustee Kevin Penders.

- **Meeting called to order:** Betsy Buckland called meeting to order at 7 p.m.
- **Approval May 14th Minutes:** Betsy Lorusso requested a motion to accept the May 14<sup>th</sup> minutes. Margi made motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Janice. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report: Katherine Howard**

- Venmo remains down
- Taxes being compiled, an extension for 2024 . Adjusting years 2022 and 2023 to track the endowment deposits to Bartholomew, thanks to Bernadette and Sara. Katherine and Bernadette to review 2022 & 2023.
- Annual meeting with Bartholomew to be scheduled by Betsy Buckland for June.
- A letter was received from Commonwealth (partner with Bartholomew) change in ownership to LPL Financial LLC for 2<sup>nd</sup> part of 2025. Letter available for review, ask Katherine who will scan and put into our archives.
- Zoo Passes-\$400.00 in April, \$820.00 in May—YTD 63 passes sold out of 200
- AMEX- -115.00 credit
- Spring Book Sales \$5797.00. We aren't tracking \$10 Bag of Books Sales but shall next sale. \$328.00 in memberships at book sale.
- \$3000.00 transferred to Friends2 account on 5/31/2025 for a total of \$12,000 to date 2025.
- Treasurer Committee discussing how best to put \$12,000.00 into MM as it is currently under miscellaneous and fear of double reporting.

- Reminder to stop all Amex/Amazon spending by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> each year. \$165.07 from 2024 in department supplies/prizes.
- New increase in Money Minder annual fee due September/ October 2024 up to \$299. We have budgeted \$300 for 2025.
- Katherine proposed to start dialogue to change Tax Calendar Year. After some discussion decision made to table to discuss at Annual Meeting in February.
- Checking account balance 6/4/2025 \$17,273.77.
- Betsy Buckland recommends to table the giving Friends2 their full budget once per year due to cash flow. Also withdraw some of Ann Clark money out of Bartholomew or cash in one of our CD's to deposit into Friends' checking to have money more fluid. Losing our buffer in budget.
- Any questions for Katherine? Janice asked what was income from the book sale on Saturday which was all \$10 Bag Sale. Bernadette reports that \$ 939.11 cash on Saturday of Book sale.
- Will not vote on the Treasurers report

#### **Director's Report: Libby O'Neill**

- Thanks to Friends for sponsoring May Programs: Quilling workshop with Nilo (local mom): 12 attendees, MA Chocolate History Talk: 28 attendees,
- Author Talk with Eddie Doherty: 9 attendees
- Upcoming Programs:
- 6/28 Paint a Pint with Mandy from Wicked Good Henna: all spaces booked
- 7/19 Clay and Mirror Mosaic Tea Light Holders: program requested by patrons
- 8/13 By the Sea- Soap making Workshop
- 8/20 Lizzy Borden talk with Christopher Daley
- 6/28 Senior Bingo : June 23 – August 15. Participants will be able to print off a Bingo sheet from Boyden website and email it back to Libby.
- Friends' again are sponsoring 5 gift card prizes for the Senior Bingo drawing.
- A huge thank you to The Friends for their support to make summer really great for patrons of all ages!

- June 17<sup>th</sup> Tinker Tank Ribbon cutting at 6 p.m. Libby would like to have a plaque to thank the Friends for their support in getting the maker space started. Jennifir to get Volunteers for Tinker Tank and also a job description for Seniors to see if they can volunteer to work off RE tax. Volunteers do not need to have experience, QR codes with instruction manual on all devices. There will be a Librarian on duty. Users will need to bring own supplies i.e. Mug, T-shirts to use the equipment.
- Ed Doherty author talk cost \$300, only 9 attended. Mr. Doherty is a former magistrate and he spoke about his 2<sup>nd</sup> book.

#### **YA Librarian's Report: Jennifir Huston**

- Used Maker space to make banners for the wagons for Founders Day parade for which she has many volunteers.
- Thanks to Lesleyann for helping get volunteers for the Founders Day parade. Jennifir bought 6 giant bags of candy from Costco.
- Will wear Mario costumes.
- Maker space all coming together, Jennifir has a volunteer waitlist with not enough things for them to do.
- Friends sponsored May Programs attendance: Mothers' Day Plant Stakes: 5, Water Color with Miss Mehta: 12, Pressed Flowers: 5.
- Friends sponsored Summer programs: Crafty Teens June: Bad Art, Teen Take & Make: Suncatchers, Zentangle, Teen & Kids Escape Room, Crafty teens: Make a glass pendant, Crafty Teens August: Button Art, Felted Panda Hoop, September: Quilting with Miss Nilo, Cricut Craft with Miss Nilo.

#### **Children's Services Librarian Report: Emma Brelsford**

- Emma was at Igo School yesterday for summer reading. Summer Reading Prizes for Babies to age 4: mini stuffies, dinosaur figurines, magnetic tiles, play pizza oven, water doodle mat, preschool readiness kits.
- Jennifir and Emma getting ready for Founders Day. Thanks for pails for candies at parade.  
Childrens' room supplies and program materials via Amazon: canvas pencil bags to be used for a kids heat press program, happy birthday stickers, sea shells, pins for the flat Snowflake map and chalk markers for windows.

### **Trustee Report: Kevin Penders**

- Ashley now a Trustee, Kevin: Vice Chairman, New Chairman: Paul Ivanovski. Sara: Secretary.
- Lucky to have 6 board members who attend meeting and actively engaged in their “sweet spot” specialty.
- The State wide data base are disappearing July 1<sup>st</sup>. MBLC lost a lot of funding.
- Library budget was passed with a few cuts. Looking at other towns seeing Libraries being shuttered and really scaling back budgets Must watch this situation. Commonwealth Catalogue safe this year. In 2026, there will be more drastic budget Issues. Joyce and Kevin maybe leaving Board of Trustees next year.
- Sue will attend June Trustee meeting .

### **Membership: Colleen McManus**

- 179 members lower than last year’s 185. May - 19 membership of which 7 are new. May need to modify the membership envelope for book sales.
- Janice suggests having a Membership table at future book sales. Katherine makes point only one cash scan, make cause a back up.
- Pay Pal does not differentiate where the money amounts go. Katherine can now access MS One drive. Colleen can also use it as administrator.
- Bernadette says we need to reorder the membership envelopes for next year. Betsy B to contact Sara about the membership envelopes. They may need some modifications.
- Colleen would like to do a mid-year membership drive. Target people who have not renewed.
- Janice offered to be the Volunteer Coordinator.

### **Book Shop: Margi Rossetti**

- Matt has sold \$137.63 worth of books from the 5 boxes he took from book sale. He has books listed on Amazon.
- Matt gave Margi a cheat sheet of types of books that he would want to sell
- Four crates of books for Founders day are under sorting tables. Price paperbacks 2 for \$1 for Founders Day.

- Katherine will bring \$1 and \$5. Books from kids drawing under the table in bag. Teddy Bear picnic need board books for babies take only one crate.
- Will need 2 more folding 6 tables. Margi made motion to purchase tables.
- Sue 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed. Margi to shop for the tables look for weight limits. Ashley will look up the table that she bought. Betsy B amend motion to spend up to \$200 for tables, put under book sale expense. All in favor motion passes.

#### • **Book Sale: Lesleyann Foster**

- Tagged the trade books \$2. Need to better deal with Dealer etiquette Most dealers are members. Dealers have scanners. Lesleyann to do more research on the dealers issues at other library book sales. Passing out the etiquette flyer and talking to the dealers before book sale opened seemed to help. Maybe make a new, clearer flyer about the dealers and have more monitors in the room.
- Margi and Lesleyann want to refresh the signage of the book categories, shall discuss further. Suggests that we make some lawn signs to post at library on day of Book Drives.
- Will need to re- order canvas bags. Bernadette to price out 100 bags and bring to September meeting.
- Lesleyann to make flyer to hand out about donating books for books sale. Set up Nov 12, Nov 13-15, Book drive 9/27 and 10/25 Libby to book community room.
- Betsy B thanks everyone for their help with all the drives and books sale.
- Lesleyann sends out Constant Contact, it goes out to all Volunteers.
- Janice had comment about a patron who came to sale on Sat and said we have lots of great books.

#### **Old Business**

- Founders Day: Sue Collins, Betsy Buckland, Betsy Lorusso, shall arrive at 8:30 at the field.
- Katherine Howard bringing cash box, 2 canopies reserved by Libby and 2 games to be picked up by Betsy B.

- Teddy Bear Picnic: Susan Collins, Ashley Clement, Colleen McManus, Betsy Lorusso Saturday July 12 at 11 a.m.
- Take rolling table with book crates. 1 table, each bring own chair, 2 boxes of Board books. Use QR code sign, bring the poster and Cash box.

### **New Business**

- Social Event in the Fall need volunteers to thank members, bring neighbors. Mo And Betsy to volunteer to set up the social at Union Straw.
  - Ashley Clement to also help with event.
  - Friends to attend the Trustees Fall meetings: Sue Collins Sept, Betsy B Oct, Betsy L Nov, and Katherine Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Adjourn     Betsy B requests motion to adjourn meeting. Colleen makes motion, Ashley 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 9:15.

Next Meeting **September 3, 2025**

7 p.m. Community Room

Respectfully submitted: Betsy Lorusso, Secretary