

Friends of Boyden Library  
Minutes of September Meeting  
September 3, 2025

**Present:** Betsy Buckland, Sue Collins, Katherine Howard, Betsy Lorusso, Bernadette Thie, Margi Rossetti, Colleen McManus, Lesleyann Foster, Charles DiPompo, Janice Rosado, Maureen Ryan-Wise, Ashley Clement, Kelly Conger, Emma Brelsford

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

**Approval June 4th Minutes:** Betsy Lorusso requested a motion to accept the June 4<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Janice made motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ashley. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Katherine Howard

- May: Treasurer's report was finalized from the June meeting.
- June: Reviewed that \$15K from Anne Clark donation transferred to our Bartholomew account in 2022. Bartholomew account looking to earn approx. 6% per annum. Founders day was successful--income \$256. Shruthi Reddy donated her time to Friends who paid her \$75 in expenses. Paid subscription for Book Page \$744 on our American Express card. Took in \$650 for Zoo passes. All passes should be sold by Oct meeting when zoo closes. Money Minder and Pay Pal went down, but are now up and running. Received Donnelly check for \$371.74. Book Shop made \$123.00. \$5000 transferred to Friends 2.0 Programming account 6/19/25.
- July: Taxes done for adjusting years 2022, 2023, 2024- being reviewed by Betsy B. Bernadette doing audit for 2024. Teddy Bear Picnic income \$30, thanks to Sue, Colleen, Ashley. Great fun. Zoo passes \$780. Book Shop \$230. Membership \$80.
- August: Lesleyann suggests someone take over running just the PayPal account. Ashley will shout out to working moms to see if anyone has PayPal expertise. Zoo passes \$1940.00. Book Shop \$326.00. Pay Pal weird message errors from being out of Country? Pay Pal opened a ticket because Sara was still on the account. Annual increase in Money Minder fee; \$300 budgeted, bill is \$299. Expense: Museum of Science pass annual cost is \$700.

- Katherine requested a motion to accept May, June, July and August reports. Margi made motion to accept, seconded by Lesleyann. Motion passed.

**Director's Report: Libby O'Neill.** Emma gave report for Libby and will forward her notes.

- We had a great summer for adults! Thank you to the Friends for sponsoring the programs and summer reading bingo challenge prizes.
- 6/28 Paint a Pint - 12 attendees
- 7/19 Clay and Mirror Mosaic Tea Holder - 11 attendees
- 8/13 Soap Making workshop - 21 attendees
- 24 bingo cards turned in. 5 winners. \$25 gift cards to Union Straw, Station One, Allie's Cookies, Unlikely Story, and Scram.
- The Tinker Tank has been open most Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and every other Friday mornings. It's been slow, but steady and our hope is that it will catch on in the fall/winter.
- Some upcoming programs sponsored by the Friends:
- 9/15, 7pm Joan Creamer Talk on her career and designing Snowflake (our fox) - I hope Friends will join us for this!
- 9/18, 7pm Travels Through the Heart and Soul of New England with Ted Reinstein
- Exciting announcement: We'll be kicking off our Food Pantry - outside the library, accessible 24/7 - in a few weeks! Libby has been working with the Foxboro Food Pantry and St. Marks for tips and suggestions to make ours successful, and Traci Lorenz has been in contact with the Foxboro Stop & Shop for non-perishable donations.
- Katherine has question about the Adult Prizes \$1778 March thru Sept 2 in the Library programming budget. Will ask Libby to clarify.

**YA Librarian's Report: Jennifir Huston.** Emma gave report and will send Jennifir's notes.

- New button maker for Maker space; old one is in Emma's Children's room.
- Thank you to Friends for all your support this summer and into the new school year. Apologize for the button maker, Emma worked on making the buttons for Friends board members and volunteers.

- Sponsoring notebook and pen giveaway for school visits in October at Ahern School, Foxborough High and Foxborough Regional Charter School.

### **Programs Sponsored by The Friends:**

July:

Teen Take & Make: Suncatchers: Registrants: 14

July 22: Teen Escape Room: Trapped in a Video Game along with Children's for Summer Reading Level Up Theme: Attendees: 3

July 31: Crafty Teens: Make a Glass Pendant: Attendees: 10

August:

August 5: Crafty Teens: Beaded Keychain: Attendees: 6

August 7: Felted Panda Hoop with Pop Up Art School: Attendees 14

September:

September 6: Quilting with Miss Nilo & Heidi

September 17: Crafty Teens: Magazine Recycled Butterfly Garland

September 20: Cricut Craft with Miss Nilo & Heidi

### **Makerspace:**

Created a calendar for volunteer schedule: have 5 Teen volunteers

Will have a self-craft activity with instructions for people to do. September is mini scarecrows, a carryover of materials left over from past spring's craft swap. Hopefully will help bring people in.

Katherine had questions about Maker Space: who to contact with questions from the community. Not a lot of space to store supplies.

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

- Emma had a "Getting ready for Kindergarten Program". She had stations in the Community Room and a school bus was at the Schneider Electric where children were able to board and take a trial run.
- Almost 500 children attended her Summer Reading Program.
- Thank you to the Friends for supporting so many amazing programs throughout the summer and attending some of them as well!
- Friends funds were used for the following programs this summer: Pop-up art school- Minecraft clay bobbleheads. Teddy Bear Picnic- Toe Jam Puppet Band & Face Painter. Rona Leventhal story teller. Mobile Gaming Bus. Tie Dye Tote Bags w/ Creative Wanderings Art Studio. Wicked Fun Games- Escape Room. Talewise Science Heroes. Animal Adventures. Mini Big Top- aerial acrobatics and hula

hooping performance. Messy Art Day on the Town Common. Ready, Set, Kindergarten- school readiness program with a school bus to tour!

- Emma purchased lots of Croc charms to be used as summer reading prizes (we had 496 kids sign up for SRP this year so we had to reorder charms multiple times).

### **Upcoming programs sponsored by the Friends:**

Oct 8 @ 4:00 pm SketchyGOichie Digital Illustration Workshop

Oct 10 @ 10:00 am Pop Up Art School Clay Candy Corn

Oct 18 @ 3:30 pm Elijah T. Grasshopper Harvest Pumpkin Concert

Oct 20 @ 1:30 pm Baby Kneads

### **Trustee Report: Ashley Clement**

- Tinker tank opening had many attending from both Friends and Trustees. Ashley encourages everyone to take a look at the brochure librarians made regarding budget cuts to MA librarians. Brochure can be found at the Circulation Desk. Libby is getting new Author to speak for Community Reads.

### **Membership: Colleen McManus**

- New members 185 year to date. 191 last year to date. 6 new memberships since last meeting in June. Betsy B to find the membership form on Canva. Senior/Student listed together as same price for membership.

### **Newsletter: Bernadette Thie**

- Newsletter coming out in October. Article due date Oct. 1 for Newsletter. Will be emailed 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October. Book Drive on Sept 27. Will mention the Friends Social Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Pricing for 100 canvas tote bags \$920, 50 canvas tote \$470. Renee has a program online, on demand book bags with a percent of cost given to Friends. We will table till next meeting. Suggestion that we should increase the canvas tote price to \$15 and 2 for \$25. Betsy B made motion to increase price on canvas tote to \$15 or 2 for \$25, seconded by Katherine. Motion passed.

- Motion to keep canvas totes price at \$10 till new bags arrive. Betsy B made motion, seconded by Janice. Motion passed. Keep colors blue for new bags and may do promo at the book sale.

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

- Updated the donation acceptance guidelines on the donation box.
- Matt Donnelly not interested in text books. Vinyl records and video games will be accepted for donations, will be sold for \$1.
- Steady donations throughout summer. When Margi receives an offer for book donations from the circulation desk, she asks for the person's email and then sends them the new guidelines. Sorters all advised of the guidelines.
- Bundle shelf will now be in the Ed O'Leary book case.
- Margi requests motion to purchase 8 boxes of Book plates at \$82.66 for use in our drawing bags. Sue made a motion, seconded by Ashley. Motion passed.
- \$400 still available from The Ed O'Leary donation.
- Margi picked up the two new tables (marked for Friends) which are in sorting room purchased for \$116. Put Expense for book shop under book sale.

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

- Volunteer requests for Book Drive Dates 9/27, 10/25 to be sent out. Would like 5 signs for Book Drive SAT 10-12. Lesleyann shall create signage and send to Betsy B who will ask Farmer Print to do 5 signs.
- Book marks: Book Drive dates on one side, Book Sale dates on other side.
- Book Sale dates: Wednesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>: set up. Book Sale dates: Thurs 11/13, Fri 11/14, Sat 11/15. Emma made button for Board members with our names and 15 VOLUNTEER (only).
- Community Room booked for book drives and book sales. Shall have a table at the Book Drives to try signing up new Friends members.

### **Volunteers: Janice Rosado**

- Will email members to inform about the Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> and Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Book Drives 10-12 pm. Help with sorting, meet members to get to know

more about the process. Add a line on the membership envelopes for volunteers. Will follow up with call. Will need someone to man a table to sign up new members. Also to give members the link for the sign-up genius. Margi already has many volunteers for the sorting room.

### **Old Business:**

- Founders Day: Thanks to Sue Collins, Betsy Buckland, Katherine Howard, Betsy Lorusso at the Friends booth. Shruthi Reedy was wonderful doing henna.
- Teddy Bear Picnic: Thanks to Susan Collins, Ashley Clement, Colleen McManus. Great band.

### **New Business:**

- Friends Social 10/22/25 6:30-8 pm. Mo Ryan, Betsy Lorusso, Ashley Clement are the planning committee. Deciding on the menu. New Location: Cannon Forge Club House at 25 Cannon Forge Dr., Foxborough. Venue holds 58 people. Will have membership signup sheet, making take away bags with bookmarks, candy, and a postcard with QR code to join Friends. Decision made that if join Friends by Oct 1<sup>st</sup> the membership runs through the following year end. Will share list of who signed up for Social and who attended with Membership and Friends Board. Each attendee will have two drink tickets, since unable to sell alcohol at venue.
- Button Making in Makerspace: Sue Collins go see Emma for your buttons.
- **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn Katherine, second by Janice. Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting October 1, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room.

Respectfully submitted by: Betsy Lorusso, Secretary